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Political Dept. At Old Game Again

Red Shirt Leader's S.O.S. To Abdul Ghaffar Khan

PESHAWAR, Dec. 12, (A.P.I.): The Congress deputation proceeding to Malagon in Khyber Agency yesterday was prevented from entering the area by the Political Department, according to Khan Amin Jan Khan, Salar-i-Azam of the Redshirts.

In a telegram to-day to Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan at Delhi Khan Amin Jan Khan says, "Congress deputation proceeding to Malagon, Khyber Agency, yesterday was prevented from entering the area by Political Department and has come back. Awaiting instructions".

MORE TRIBAL RAIDS ON HAZARA DISTRICT

PESHAWAR, Dec. 12, (A. P. I.): "A few further attacks by trans-border elements occurred along the Hazara District border but the general situation has not deteriorated", says an official Communique on the present situation in Hazara District.

The Communique adds: "Additional Government forces in the area are at hand. Dr. Khan Sahib, Chief Minister, has already proceeded to Hazara District and His Excellency Sir Olaf Caroe, Governor of N.-W. F. P., is proceeding there today".

13 Killed

Thirteen pasengers were killed and 28 injured yesterday when a mail lorry proceeding from Dadr Sanatorium to Shinkiari, in Hazara District was held up by a large number of trans-border tribesmen.

COL. BURHAN-UD-DIN SPURNS OFFER OF RELEASE

RAWALPINDI.—A sensational story about an alleged offer for release made to Col. Burhan-ud-Din, of the Indian National Army, who was sentenced by court-martial and is undergoing imprisonment in the Haripur Central Jail, has been published by a Socialist weekly of Peshawar on the authority of its Haripur correspondent.

The correspondent writes that the Political Department had approached Col. Burhan-ud-Din with an offer of release, provided the Colonel agreed to join the Muslim League after his release.

The Colonel is reported to have refused this humiliating offer, adding that he would prefer to remain in the lock-up for a couple of decades rather than accept this humiliating offer.

The correspondent further adds that Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru has been apprised of this incident.

Mr. Dost Mohd. Khan, in charge of the Indian National Army Relief Committee of the Frontier Province, interviewed Colonel Burhan-ud-Din and Captain Abdul Rashid in the Haripur Central Jail. Both the prisoners are hale and hearty.—"Tribune". Lahore.

BHOPAL MEETS VICEROY

NEW DELHI, Dec. 12 (API): The Viceroy today granted an interview to the Nawab of Bhopal, Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes.

Sartorial Rules For Govt. Peons

BOMBAY, Thursday.

An ultimatum banning the wearing of Gandhi caps and other non-official headgears has been circulated to the peons and inferior staff of all departments in the Bombay Secretariat. The circular dated November 25, signed by Mr. C. K. Maru directs the staff to put on complete uniform together with red 'pagree' and other paraphernalia. It further states that the prescribed uniform must be neat and tidy and badge regularly polished. The Circular commissions the 'muster clerk' to report to the Assistant Secretary, if anyone fails to comply with the sartorial order. A four-anna fine will be imposed on defaulters.

A copy of the circular has been sent to the Assistant Secretaries of all Government departments directing them to take necessary steps.

STOP PRESS

PALESTINE ARABS' GENERAL STRIKE

JERUSALEM, Dc. 12 (Reuter): The Palestine Arab Higher Committee tonight called for a country-wide general strike of Arabs in Palestine on Sunday next "as the first step to protect Arab rights and existence."

Labour Policy Brought Massacres In India

Churchill's Tirade Against Congress In Interim Govt.

TAKE LESSON FROM EUROPE'S RELIGIOUS WARS, SAYS LIBERAL M.P.

LONDON, December 12. (Reuter): The hope that despite mutual suspicions and fears, the Congress and the Muslim League might eventually find themselves side by side in the Constituent Assembly and in the Sections was expressed by Sir Stafford Cripps, when he opened a two-day debate on India in the House of Commons today.

"We are convinced now as we have never been", added Sir Stafford Cripps, "that it is only by such co-operation that a satisfactory new constitution for India can be hammered out".

MRS. PANDIT & JINNAH IN GALLERY

The debate opened shortly before 16.00 G.M.T. (9-30 p.m. I.S.T.) with the House crowded in every part and Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, leader of Indian Delegation to the UNO, and Rajkumari Amrit Kaur were among a members of Indians, who listened to the debate from the Distinguished Strangers' gallery.

FAIR AND FEASIBLE SCHEME, SAYS CRIPPS

Sir Stafford Cripps also told the House that after careful re-examination of the scheme put forward in May last the Government was convinced that it was not only a fair but feasible scheme.

"We can see no other way", he added, "by which the disaster of civil strife can be avoided".

Sir Stafford Cripps concluded by expressing the conviction that it was essential that all parties in India should call a halt to the violent propaganda that had stirred the people during the last few months.

CHURCHILL'S FEARS

Mr. Winston Churchill, leader of the Opposition, who followed Sir Stafford Cripps, associated himself with Sir Stafford Cripps in his appeal to the Indian parties to discontinue violent propaganda.

"All facts and all omens", declared Mr. Churchill", point to a revival in an acute and violent form of internal hatreds and, quarrels, which have long lain dormant under the mild incompetence of Liberal-minded British control. To me it would be no surprise if there is complete failure to agree.

"Agreement in India which was the basis of all our policy and declarations was an indispensable condition. Instead, there had been strife and bloodshed and the prospect of more and worse to come".

Mr. Churchill on behalf of the Opposition disclaimed all responsibility for the Labour Government's present policy and charged it, through inviting the Congress to form an Interim Government, with "precipitating a series of massacres unparalled in India since the Mutiny of 1857."

Mr. Churchill, alluding to his insistence upon a debate, said it would be a pity if the British Empire in India passed out of life into history without the House of Commons seeming to take any interest in the affair.

LEARN FROM EUROPE'S WARS

For the Liberals, Mr. Clement Davies, said that there had been no wars more horrible in Europe in the past than those caused by religious differences. That should be a warning to the Indian people to do their utmost to act in a statesmanlike manner remembering responsibility not only for a particular party they represent but for India as a whole.

Sir Stanley Reed (Conservative) formerly the editor of "The Times of India", said that Government had approached this great problem bristling with difficulties with courage wisdom and imagination. On the broad outlines of their policy he gave them cordial support.

JINNAH LISTENS TO DEBATE

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The first full dress debate on India of the present Parliament opened in a packed house of Commons today with a speech by Sir Stafford Cripps.

Notable listeners included Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League. There were several

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ABDUL MAJID DEMANDS INQUIRY

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, Thursday.—A demand for an impartial and independent inquiry into the allegations of corruption and widespread malpractices in connection with the Sind Elections by Sheikh Abdul Majid, President of the Sind Muslim Jamiat, today. Calling it a rebirth of Fascism Sheikh Abdul Majid says that the elections were a farce. He alleges that every imaginable corrupt practice including coercion, undue influence and official terrorism was resorted to in favour of League nominees.

LAST OF CEYLON GUNNIES FOR UNION

COLOMBO, Dec. 12 (API): All outstanding licences for export of gunny bags from Ceylon to South Africa were cancelled today by the Minister of Labour, Industry and Commerce Rajah Hewavitarana, following representations by the Government of India's representative in Ceylon Mr. M. S. Aney.

Thus the ship INCHANGA which sailed for South Africa on December 12 from Colombo carrying 261,000 gunnies will represent the last of such shipments from Ceylon.

BRITAIN MUST SET DATE OF 'QUITTING'

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter): "There are only two alternatives now left for the British in relation to the future of India", says today's left-wing weekly review, "New Statesman and Nation".

"One is to re-establish British Raj in its old form—a task which would take upto 20 years, would be a negation of our pledges to India and would be impossible in the face of the world opinion. The other is to proceed speedily with the transfer of power. At some stage, a semi-civil war of purely India interest may start. If the British are there, they will be dragged into it uselessly, dispiritedly, and with no gain morally or materially.

"In the next few months the British Government must tell India that After a fixed date, unless an understanding has been reached, British troops and officials will leave and India will have to settle her own affairs without our assistance.

"This would not be unfair to minorities. With the Central British power and arms removed, there can be no question of coercion of the 90,000,000 resolute Muslims armed as well or as badly as their antagonists".

LATEST COMMERCIAL

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NEW YORK, Dec. 12.

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LEAGUE SCORES IN SIND

Kazi Mohamud Akbar Beats G. M. Syed

KARACHI, Dec. 12 (API)

The latest party position in the election to the Sind Legislative Assembly is as follows:—

CONGRESS	16
MUSLIM LEAGUE	28
EUROPEANS	3
NATIONALIST MUSLIMS	2
TOTAL	49

The counting of votes of the general elections for the Sind Assembly began today and will be completed by to-morrow excepting for Tharparkar District.

Results from eleven constituencies are still awaited. Eight sitting members have been unseated.

SYED BEATEN

The result of the Dadu Rural Mohammadan Constituency wherein the League went all out to measure its strength was first to be announced. Mr. G. M. Syed was defeated by the official League candidate Dr. Kazi Mohamud Akbar by 1,246 votes.

Reports from other centres also indicate general success for the League candidates.

CONGRESS CAPTURE GENERAL SEATS

In Sukkur West General Rural Constituency, Dr. Gokindram Punjabi (Congress) was declared elected. His opponents Mr. Lilaram Pherwani and Mr. Harumal forfeited their deposits.

Dr. Govindram Punjabi 4,702 votes.
Mr. Lilaram Pherwani 258 votes.
Mr. Harumal 196 votes.

All the three general seats have been captured by the Congress, in the other two constituencies Congress candidates Mr. Choithram Valecha and Mr. Holaram Keswani having been returned unopposed.

ELECTION RESULTS

MUHAMMEDAN URBAN KARACHI CITY NORTH: Mahmoud Abdoola Haroon (League) 17,035; Jaffer Hussanally Khoja (Independent) 97; Allahbaksh Khudadad Gabol (Independent) 95.

The last two candidates lose their deposits.

MUHAMMADAN URBAN KARACHI CITY SOUTH: Mahamed Hashim Gazdar (League) 17,169; Abdul Aziz Akramkhan (Independent) 27; Ahmed Khatri (Independent) 42; Haji Abubakar (Independent) 124; Manmad Kasim Khudabux Talvi (Independent) 70.

MUHAMMADAN RURAL KARACHI NORTH: Amir Hussain Ghulam Hussain (League) 7,945; Mohamed Usman Mohamed Khan Soomro (Nationalist) 462; Shah Nawazshah Sayed (Independent) 27. The last two candidates lose their deposits.

HYDERABAD SUBURBS AND TALUKA GENERAL; Prof. Ghanshyam Shivdasani (Congress) defeated his rival who forfeits his deposit.

Prof. Ghanshyam (Congress) 2,591; Mr. Halaram Punjani (Ind) 32.

NAWABSHAH NORTH MOHAMMADAN: Mr. Ghulam Nabi Denraj (League) defeated Syed Mahamed Ali Shah (Muslim Jamait), a former Minister and staunch supporter of Mr. G. M. Syed: Mr. Ghulamnabi Dehraj (League) 7,380; Syed Mohamed Ali Shah (Muslim Jamait) 2,740.

NAWABSHAH NORTH-WEST MUHAMMADAN RURAL: Syed Noor Mohammund Shah defeated his two rivals, both of whom lost their deposits. Syed Noor Mohammud Shah (League) 6,693; Pir Qurban Ali (Muslim Jamait) 119.

NAWABSHAH WEST MUHAMMADAN RURAL: Haji Ghulam Rasool Jatoi (League) defeated Mohammud Hashim Mastoi (Independent) who also lost his deposit. Haji Ghulam Rasool Jatoi (League) 13,194; Mohammund Hashim Mastoi (Independent) 1,526.

NAWABSHAH EAST MUHAMMADAN RURAL: Mohammund Azam (League) secured 6,652 votes and defeated Mir Allahbux Talpur (Independent) who got 598 votes.

KARACHI MUHAMMADAN RURAL SOUTH: Pir Ali Shah (League) defeated the sitting member Mr. Mahamed Yousif Chamdio (Independent). There were three candidates.

Pir Ali Shah (League) 9,977.
Mohamed Yousif Chandio (Independent) 1,277.
Haji Arab Kebar (Independent) 423.
Mr. Kebar lost his deposit.

KARACHI MUHAMMADAN RURAL EAST: Haji Fazal Md. Laghari got 8,973 votes and defeated the Independent candidate, Pir Ghulam Hydershah, who polled 2,331 votes.

300 KHAKSARS ARRESTED AND LATER RELEASED

KARACHI, Dec. 12 (API): About three hundred Khaksars who came from the Punjab and other places during the Assembly elections in Sind were arrested at Hyderabad early yesterday for breach of the District Magistrate's order banning the carrying of weapons.

The Khaksars were armed with 'belchas.' The authorities searched their office at Fakiro-jo-Pir and seized some papers and other articles.

The arrested Khaksars were later released.

An order under Sec. 144 Cr.P.C. has been promulgated in Hyderabad (Sind) prohibiting public meetings and demonstrations for one month.

HAROON ON SYED'S DEFEAT

NEW DELHI, Dec. 12 (API): Mr. Yusuf Haroon, President of the Sind Provincial League, in a statement on Mr. G. M. Syed's defeat in the Sind elections says: "Sind has once more proved that it stands wholly behind the demand of Pakistan and that Mr. Syed's defeat is only due to his desertion of the Muslim League cause. I congratulate my people on this wonderful victory."

JAWAHAR TO CONTACT GANDHIJI AT NOAKHALI

Congress High Command's Desire To Get Mahatma's Reaction To London Talks

CALCUTTA, Dec. 12, (U.P.I.): Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru during his forthcoming visit to Calcutta is likely to proceed to Noakhali to visit Mahatma Gandhi.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad may also accompany him.

TO SEEK GANDHIJI'S LEAD

All sections of Congressmen assembled here feel that the situation arising out of the latest statement relating to the issues confronting the Constituent Assembly demands Gandhiji's lead and directions. Indeed the fact that until now Gandhiji has not expressed himself on the implications of His Majesty's Government's latest statement seems to have created a feeling of uneasiness among a large section of constitution-makers here. A suggestion that the Congress High Command should contact Gandhiji immediately and discuss with him the whole situation in all its bearings, is also being mooted by many quarters.

Enquiries in influential Congress circles reveal that in view of the continuous session of the Constituent Assembly it would be difficult for the Congress Working Committee members to leave Delhi at present for contacting Gandhiji somewhere in East Bengal. Pandit Nehru, it is understood is, therefore, being commissioned by the Congress Working Committee to meet Gandhiji after finishing his engagement with the Associated Chambers of Commerce in Calcutta on December 16 and give him a full account of the recent London confabulations, as also the reactions of the Congress High Command to the same. Should Gandhiji feel the need for further discussions with members of the Congress High Command before advising the Congress and the country on the future course of action, the question as to whether an emergent session of the Congress Working Committee should be summoned at Calcutta or Noakhali will be considered after Pandit Nehru's return.

TWO SCORE AMENDMENTS TO NEHRU'S RESOLUTION

Declaration Of Objectives To Be Discussed In Constituent Assembly To-day

NEW DELHI, Dec. 12 (API).—Forty amendments tabled today propose drastic changes and even wholesale substitution of Pandit Nehru's resolution on the declaration of objectives to be discussed by the Constituent Assembly tomorrow afternoon.

One of the two substitute resolutions is in the name of Mr. Somnath Lahiri, the Communist Member, and runs to 1,500 words.

Dr. M. R. Jayakar heads the list with the other substitute resolution which is a brief one and reads:

"This Assembly declares its firm and solemn resolve that the Constitution to be prepared by this Assembly for the future Governance of India shall be for a free and democratic sovereign state; but with a view to securing, in the shaping of such a constitution, the co-operation of the Muslim League and the Indian States, and thereby intensifying the firmness of this resolve, this Assembly postpones the further consideration of this question to a later date, to enable the representatives of these two bodies to participate, if they so choose, in the deliberations of this Assembly."

LAHIRI'S RESOLUTION

Mr. Lahiri's substitute resolution declares India to be an independent country and calls upon the Indian members of the Interim Government, "who, as nominees of the two main popular parties and of the minorities, together enjoy the support of the overwhelming majority of our people, to act as the Free Provisional Government of India and to function henceforth in the name of the Indian people and not as hitherto in the name of the British King Emperor."

The resolution calls upon the Provisional Government to take steps 'inter alia' to effect the withdrawal of all British troops from India and the withdrawal of Indian troops from outside India and take over all banks, industrial and transport concerns, plantations, mines, etc., owned by British capital and nationalise them. The Government is asked to pass legislation to enforce a minimum living wage, recognise Trade Unions and penalise defaulting capitalists. People are called upon to be vigilant and report acts of intransigence and sabotage carried out by bureaucrats and officials in the interests of their former masters so that such cases are speedily exposed and the culprits punished.

BOUNDARY COMMISSION

In order to resolve Congress-League differences, the resolution suggests, first, the setting up of a Boundary Commission to redemarcate existing Provinces and States into linguistically and culturally homogeneous units, and second, plebiscite of the entire adult population of each such unit to determine whether they will join the Indian Union or form a separate state.

The resolution asks for the establishment in Indian States of popular Interim Governments which should call a Constituent Assembly which in turn should elect delegates to the All-India Constituent Assembly.

SMALLER AMENDMENTS

Smaller amendments include two by

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C. A. Adjourned Till Today

NEW DELHI, Dec. 12, (API). The Constituent Assembly adjourned today without transacting any business as some members wanted time to study the resolution on declaration of objectives which Pandit Nehru was to move.

The President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad said, "There is no doubt the resolution is a very important one and I should not like any member to feel that he has not had sufficient time to consider it. So if the House so desires, I am prepared to adjourn this discussion till tomorrow."

As most members seemed to be in favour of the suggestion, the President adjourned the House till tomorrow.

The Rules Committee was arranged to meet at 11-30 a.m. and the Advisory Committee at 4 p.m.

Consultative Committee Meets

NEW DELHI, Dec. 12 (API): The Advisory Committee, which has been re-named as the Consultative Committee of the Congress Bloc in the Constituent Assembly, met this evening and discussed certain amendments which have been tabled to Pandit Nehru's resolution on the Declaration of Objectives.

The Committee, it is understood, also discussed the question of Linguistic Provinces.

The Rules and Procedure Committee of the Constituent Assembly met today and discussed draft rules of procedure.

Congress Executive Adjourns

NEW DELHI, Dec. 12 (API): The Congress Working Committee which was scheduled to meet this evening has been postponed till tomorrow.

AZAD TO SUCCEED ASAF ALI?

NEW DELHI, Dec. 12, (U.P.I.): The United Press of India learns that Maulana Abul Kalam Azad has at last been persuaded to be nominated for filling up the vacancy consequent on Mr. Asaf Ali's acceptance of the office of India's Ambassador in Washington.

The Congress Working Committee is expected to formally approve of this arrangement shortly.

BLUM ELECTED FRENCH PREMIER

PARIS, Dec. 12 (Reuter): M. Leon Blum was this evening elected Prime Minister of France under the new constitution by 575 out of 590 valid votes cast in the National Assembly, it was officially announced.

The Finance Minister, M. Robert Schumann, received eight votes. Seven votes were cast against M. Blum.

M. Blum although leader of the Socialist Party was put forward as a candidate agreed upon by leaders of all the Parliamentary parties.

BEVIN TO QUIT?

LONDON, Dec. 12, (U. P. A.): Labour Party critics of Ernest Bevin's "be tough with Russia" foreign policy predicted today that he would be replaced as Foreign Secretary within six months to a year.

They saw the possibility that he might even retire within a matter of weeks because of poor health. Speculation on a successor centered on Lord President of the Council Herbert Morrison, Government Leader in the House and Chancellor of the Exchequer Hugh Dalton with Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade given an outsider's chance.

VENEZUELAN REVOLT SUPPRESSED

WILLEMSTAD (Dutch West Indies), Dec. 12, (Reuter): The Venezuelan Government has crushed the revolt, and the rebel leader has escaped by plane to Colombia, reports reaching here said today.

NAGOD RULER SAVED FROM JAWS OF DEATH

(From Our Correspondent)

JUBBULPORE, December 10.

According to a Satna report Raja Saheb of Nagod state, from Satna in Bundelkhand States Agency, had a miraculous escape from death on Sunday last, when, it is alleged, some persons made an unsuccessful attempt on his life. The State police have arrested three persons and are busy tracing other suspects. Nagod State people congratulated the ruler on his narrow escape.

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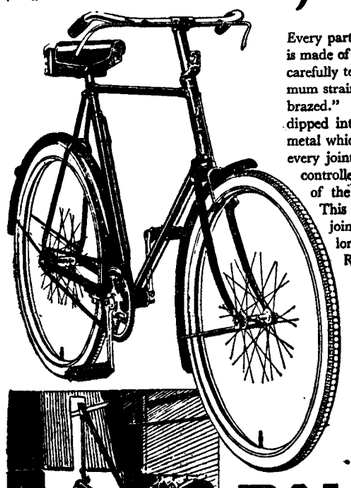

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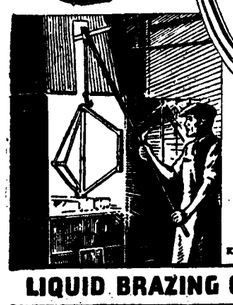

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AUSTRALIA IN CONFIDENT POSITION

Sydney Stadium Buildings Freshly Painted For Second Test

SYDNEY, Dec. 12. (Reuter): The buildings of Sydney Stadium have been freshly painted green and grey providing a grand spectacle for the second test between Australia and England due tomorrow.

Australia having won the first test of the five-game rubber are in a confident position but much depends on the toss and what the weather is tomorrow. The wicket looked perfect but conditions may change because the weather experts predic showers.

Comparing each side man to man there does not appear to be much difference in ability. Both are rich in batsmanship but long years of featherbed wickets have almost killed the test breed of bowlers

All of the England team are fit, Hutton having recovered from his slight cold, and Hammond and his men can be sure to give of their best in this vital day for the tourists.

Bombay 'Varsity Side

The following have been selected to represent the Bombay University in the match against the Nagpur University to be played on the Elphinstone College Ground on the Oval on the 14th, 15th and 16th December:—

Mr. M. E. Z Gazali (Capt.) (Poona); Mr. Y. B. Palwankar (Vice-Capt.) (Bombay); Mr. P. R. Umrigar (Bombay); Mr. K. C. Abdulla (Bombay); Mr. R. V. Divecha (Bombay); Mr. B. D. Desai (Bombay); Mr. B. R. Irani (Bombay); Mr. M. M. Dalvi (Bombay); Mr. S. D. Deodhar (Poona); Mr. V. V. Ketkar (Poona); Mr. J. H. Shodhan (Gujarat).

Reserves: Mr. P. G. Joshi (Poona); Mr. S. M. Jhaveri (Bombay); Mr. Saravanamuttu (Bombay).

B. P. H. A. League

TIMES' LAST MINUTE GOAL FORCES DRAW

BOMBAY, Thursday.

H. M. I. DOCKYARDS 'A' 1
'TIMES OF INDIA' 'A' 1

Only a last minute goal by the pressmen's left-in Vaz, with certainly not more than 30 seconds to go, enabled the first string of the 'Times of India' to share two points with H. M. I. Dockyards 'A'.

Midway through the first session right-in Rastogi put Dockyards in the lead and play thereafter was often muddled with the pressmen enjoying slightly a territorial advantage which was never particularly assertive.

The following were the teams:—

Dockyards 'A': Boothwick; Alexander and Jameson; Hem Prakash, Adams and Pinto; Prem Prakash, Rastogi, Rodrigues, Middlecoat and McMurray.

'Times of India' 'A': Ellis; Cardozo and P. Fernandes; L. D'Souza, A. Vaz and H. D'Souza; Fichardo, Correa, Effie, J. Vaz and Braganza.

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England's Team For Second Test

SYDNEY, Dec. 12 (Reuter): England's team for the Second Test is to be chosen from the following thirteen prayers:—

Hammond,
Len Hutton,
Cyril Washbrook,
William Edrich,
Denis Compton,
Joe Hardstaff,
John Ikin,
Norman Yardley,
Douglas Wright,
Peter Smith,
Alec Bedser,
William Voce,
and T. G. Evans.

Evans in the place of Gibb is the only change in England's second test thirteen compared with the players who were picked for the First Test at Brisbane.

Hutton is now fit again and is practising.

BOMBAY TEAM FOR MADRAS

National Table Tennis Championship

BOMBAY, Dec. 12 (API): Bombay's representatives for the National Table Tennis Championships to be held at Madras from December 22 to 31 are expected to leave for Madras on December 19 with Mr. S. J. Mugaseth as Manager. All the selected players have accepted the invitation and in addition R. G. Godiwalla and Miss P. F. Madon are making the trip to Madras at their own expense.

The players will team up as follows:

MEN'S DOUBLES: K. H. Kapadia and D. H. Kapadia; U. M. Chandarana and Sivaraman of Madras; P. S Varde and P. K. Chaubal and R. G. Godiwalla and partner.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES: Mabel Brodie and Gool Nasikwalla; Banoo Cama and Perin Madon.

MIXED DOUBLES: K. H. Kapadia and Perin Madon; D. H. Kapadia and Mabel Brodie; U. M. Chandarana and Banoo Cama; P. S. Varde and partner.

NORTH BURMA 'DISTURBED'

Exodus Of Labour Inadvisable Says Bengal Government

CALCUTTA, Dec. 12, (A.P.I.): The Bengal Government today announced in a Press Note, that the representative of the Government of India in Burma has informed that certain named areas of Arakan are in a disturbed State. The Local Authorities consider the seasonal influx of labourers from Chittagong and other districts upto AErakan inadvisable. The Press Note did not indicate the nature of the "Disturbed State" or its causes.

Departmental Merger Inquiry

(From Our Special Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Thursday.

The Government of India has appointed a small departmental committee with Mr. H. M. Patel as its president to inquire into the possibility of merger of Agricultural and Food departments. There is at present a good deal of overlapping between the two departments. But whatever plans are made will be only for the interim period till the Union Centre plan is implemented when all Central departments except those of Defence, External Affairs and Communications, will be abolished.

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Festival Cricket Commentary

All India Radio Bombay, will broadcast a running commentary on the India in England XI versus A Rest of India XI cricket match, commencing on December 14, by Mr. A. F. S. Talyarkhan, and will begin at 10-20 a. m. each day with breaks only during lunch and tea intervals. The broadcast will be radiated on 244 metres and on the following wavelengths:—10-20 a. m. to 12-45 p. m.—31.15 metres (9.630 ks/s), 1-45 p. m. to 3-45 p. m.—31.15 metres (9.630 kc/s), and 4 p. m. to 5-25 p. m.—41.44 metres (7.240 kc/s).

BOMBAY'S MATCH WITH SIND IN 'RANJI'

Younger Blood Given A Chance

BOMBAY, Dec. 12. (A.P.I.): Bombay will be represented in the second round of the Ranji Trophy against the Sind Cricket Association by a team from the following players selected by the Bombay Cricket Association:—V. M. Merchant (Captain) V. R. Amladi, M. H. Balooch, K. C. Ebrahim, B. R. Irani, S. Maka, M. K. Mantri, U. M. Merchant, R. S. Modi, D. G. Phadkar, M. N. Raiji, K. M. Rangneker, K. K. Tarapore, and P. R. Umrigar.

The match will be played at Karachi on December 22, 23, 24 and 25. The players will leave Bombay by the Rajputana Sind Mail on December 18 at 8 p.m.

World Youth Festival In Prague

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

The preliminary programme by the World Youth Festival sponsored by the World Federation of Democratic Youth is to be held in Prague (Praha) for four weeks between July and August 1947. The Programme which is to be participated by youth organisations from different countries of the world contains a variety of activities—Exhibitions, lectures and discussions cultural, sports and recreational activities together with rallies, tours and religious services. Field competitions also will be held during the final week and prizes will be awarded to the best teams participating in the events.

SUSPECTS FOUL PLAY

Ex-Guardian Of Czech Wife Of Indian Prince On Her Death

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (APA): Dr. Leon Pistol, former guardian of the young Czech, wife of a 74-year-old Indian Prince, said last night he suspected foul play caused her death near Delhi, where the battered body was found at the base of the 238 foot Qutab Minar on December 9.

Pistol, a New York exporter, said he might ask the British Government and the Delhi police to investigate the death of Nina Grosup, former actress estranged from her husband, an Indian Prince. He said his former ward's recent letters told of constant fear of death, and that she planned to come to the United States.

The last letter received by him in November said: "Every day when I go out with my dogs somebody is asking me questions and follows me. I don't know what he wants. I think it's someone—a detective. But don't worry."

Pistol said that before death arrangements had been made to transfer her fortune to American banks. He said: "Everything in letters since her divorce shows she was worried and desperately anxious to come to this country. I think perhaps I will ask for investigation into her death and the circumstances of her residence at Maidens Hotel, Delhi, where she was staying at the time of her plunge from the tower."

Delhi newspapers referred to the case as suicide, but no official police verdict has yet been given. Delhi police said Pistol's wife was listed as beneficiary under the will of the former actress. The will, however, was being contested by the Prince's private secretary, according to information received from India. The will, according to the Delhi police, listed jewellery worth about 80,000 dollars in addition to other valuables.

Viet Nam Artillery Shells Haiphong

PARIS, Dec. 12, (Reuter): Shelling of Haiphong by Vietnam artillery during several past nights is reported by French military sources at Hanoi, according to the French news agency.

Reports state that shelling is fairly frequent and apparently indiscriminate, causing considerable damage in all parts of the town.

French troops attempting to re-establish contact with Donson, about 12 miles south-east of Haiphong, reported meeting with "difficulties".

Two bridges between Hanoi and Haidoung have been cleared of mines by Vietnam personnal at the request of the French authorities.

Inquiry Into Indian Systems Of Medicine

(From Our Special Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Thursday.

The Government of India is likely to set up a small committee to examine and report on the Ayurvedic and Unani Systems medicine in this country. Two aspects of the question are expected to be inquired into; first how to develop research in the two systems of medicine and secondly, fixing the qualifications for registration of practising Vaids and Hakims.

BERNE, Dec. 12, (U. P. A.): The Swiss National Assembly today unanimously elected Vice-President Philipp Etter as Federal President for 1947 and Enrico Celio as Vice-President.

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WELL-KNOWN MERCHANT ARRESTED

Patna Riot News Publication Sequel?

(From A Correspondent.)

MEHSANA, Dec 12.

Yesterday morning Patna police arrested a well-known merchant named Sjt. Patel Chimanlal Shankerlal under the India Defence Act 38 and 153 C. in connection with the sending of Patna riot news in newspapers. His house was examined carefully by the police for an hour but nothing incriminating it seems was found. He was taken to the police station.

Dr. Captain Alimahomed Kasim, who belongs to the Memon Community of Kodinar, has

been awarded a scholarship by the Government of India. He left by S.S. "Strathnaver" for higher medical studies in Edinburgh University, where he took the degrees of M.B. and Ch.B. in 1944 before joining the I.M.S. in which he served till the end of war.

Postal Packer Arrested

BOMBAY, Thursday.

On a charge of stealing fountain pens and pencils from a registered parcel, Dathatray Sakharam, a packer in the Girgaum Post Office, was produced before Mr. Thakore at the Girgaum Court this morning. It was stated that three fountain pens and two pencils were recovered from the accused.

The accused was ordered to be remanded into custody.

Mr. B. D. Somani, a member of the Managing Agency Firms of M|s. The Shree Niwas Cotton Mills Ltd., Bombay and Shree Digvijay Cement Co. Ltd. and Nawanagar Electric Supply Co., Ltd., Jamnagar and associated with several other Industrial and Commercial concerns has just returned to India after a business tour of U. K. and the continent. In his extensive tour lasting full four months, he visited U.K., Denmark, Switzerland, Sweden and France where he saw almost all important Industrial Centres and visited various big factories and works and studied the latest developments in the Industrial field.

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Lowtide: 09-42, 21-10.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION: At 3-40 p.m. (S. T.).

Today's Engagements

NOTICE TO JURORS.

Common Jurors' attention is drawn to the notice appearing in the Public Notifications Column.

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER'S ROUND: Municipal Commissioner will meet elected members of Ward No. 7, at 7-51 a.m. (B. T.), today, at the junction of Princess Street and Girgaum Road and go round with them in the Ward.

BOMBAY VETERINARY COLLEGE: Annual Sports at College Ground, Parel, at 3-30 p.m., today.

SOCIAL SERVICE LEAGUE: Annual general meeting at 4 p.m., today, in League's Head Office, Sandhurst Road. Diwan Bahadur K. M. Jhaveri will preside and Prof. P. A. Wadia, Rev. Kellock and others will speak.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: "Reincarnation" is subject to be taken up for study at 6-15 p.m., today, at Wadia Building, Opp. Flora Fountain.

HIGH COURT BAR COUNCIL: Voting for the election to fill three vacancies in the Bar Council will be held in the High Court from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., today.

RAMAKRISHNA ASHRAM: 94th Birthday Anniversary of Sri Sarada Mani Devi, will be celebrated at Library Hall, Khar, at 4 p.m., today. Lady Masani will preside.

MUSLIM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Adjourned meeting of the Muslim Businessmen will be held at 10-30 a.m. (tomorrow), at Beg Mohamed Baug Hall, Mohamedali Road.

CZECHOSLOVAK GOVT. TRADE COMMISSIONER: Czechoslovak Government Trade Commissioner, Mr. L. Ploskal, has opened his offices temporarily in Yusuf Building, 43, Mahatma Gandhi Road, and will deal with all matters relating to Indo-Czechoslovak commercial policy and to the organisation of trade between these two countries, both export and import. Telephone 34892. Telegraphic address, OBZAMINI, Bombay.

EXPORT OF RAW COTTON: Exporters who have shipped raw Cotton to foreign countries during three years ending November 26 are now eligible to apply for export licences for the period September-December 1946 as non-established shippers. They should therefore approach the Export Trade Controller, Bombay with proof of their exports made during that period.

THE THIRD ALL-INDIA ENGLISH TEACHERS' CONFERENCE—is to be held at Allahabad from the 16th March 1947, under the presidentship of Dr. Mahmood Hasan, Vice-Chancellor of Dacca University.

SERVICES' WEEK IN CITY

Marking the opening of the Services' Week in Bombay, the Second Royal Sikhs, will troop the colour at 10 a.m., on Saturday, at the Esplanade Maidan. The day also marks the centenary of the Royal Sikhs and H. E. the Commander-in-Chief Sir Claude Auchinleck, is specially flying down to Bombay to be present on the occasion.

The same day the Services' Exhibition will also be thrown open to the public. An impressive array of military equipment will be on display at the Esplanade Maidan for public view from Dec. 14 to Dec. 18. The visiting public will also see some facades of how the soldiers are trained, and equipped and how they live at camp.

Men from a number of different units will put up a tattoo show at 5-30 p.m. for four days beginning from Dec. 16.

Also on these four days, the public are to be treated to a display of aerobatics and low level attack anti-aircraft firing, etc. on the seaface opposite Marine Drive. This display is to take place at 9 a.m. on all the four days.

City Secondary Teachers On Strike

80 per cent of the 2,000 and odd secondary teachers educating about 75,000 pupils struck work in response to a call given by the B. N. S. Secondary Teachers' Association. The strike was occasioned by the summary dismissal of the staff of the M. A. High School, Andheri.

About 2,000 students from all over Bombay invaded the M. A. H. School premises, and after conducting a meeting there they proceeded to the residence of the Principal of the school. Later on the mammoth procession joined teachers representing various school-unions through the compound of the bungalow of the Chairman of the Governing Council, Sir Mathuradas Vasanji.

The chairman has promised to receive a combined deputation of the Teachers and Students on Friday, 13th Dec., 1946. The members of the deputation are—Mr. M. C. Vaidya, Mr. B. D. Padwal, Mr. Hansoti, Mr. Padmanabh, Miss Madiman and others.

Army & Navy Stores Employees Come To Settlement

The impending strike of the employees of the Army and Navy Stores Ltd., Bombay, was averted in time as the Management accepted the Union's suggestion to refer the demands of the employees to arbitration.

Out of about 300 employees on the staff of the Company, over 260 are members of the Union, and, on their behalf, the Union had submitted, in August last, a number of demands. These demands related to revision of basic salaries, adequate dearness allowance, leave facilities, provident fund, and other benefits for the employees.

TODAY ON RADIO

FRIDAY, Dec. 13.

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PARSIS' TRIBUTE TO LATE SIR BYRAMJI & DR. PAVRI

BOMBAY, Thursday: Resolutions condoling the deaths of the late Sir Byramji Jijibhoy and the late Dr. Pavri were adopted unanimously at a meeting of the Parsis convened by the trustees of the Parsi Panchayet at C. J. Hall this evening. Sir Shapurji Billimoria presided.

Moving the resolution for Sir Byramji Jijibhoy, Sir Rustom Masani recalled the services rendered by Sir Byramji to the city particularly as a corporator of over 25 years' standing. He praised the cosmopolitan nature of Sir Byramji's charities and his sterling character.

Another resolution moved by Sir Homi Mehta eulogised the services of the late Dr. M. E. Pavri as a sportsman and a social worker.

The resolutions were passed all standing.

RECEPTION TO RUKMINI DEVI

A public reception was accorded to Smti. Rukmini Arundale at Blavatsky Lodge on Thursday evening on her arrival after four months' tour of Europe Smti. Rukmini visited Holland, Belgium, Sweedn, France and England especially in connection with the rehabilitation of Theosophical centres in Liberated Europe. She arrived by air from Karachi on Thursday and leaves today (Friday) by air to Madras.

New India Assurance Co., Ltd.

Sir Chunilal V. Mehta, Chairman of the New India Assurance Co., Ltd., who has been associated with the Company as its Director for a number of years extending back to 1929, and who has been its Chairman since the last eight years retired from the Board of Directors of the Company for reasons of age and health.

The Board of Directors have elected in his place Mr. A. D. Shroff, the well-known economist and financier, as the Chairman of the Company.

Prize For Hindustani Literature

The Chairman of the Provincial Board for Education in Hindustani has invited applications from authors and publishers for help in the form of cash prizes etc.

The Government of Bombay has set apart Rs. 600 for the current financial year for encouragement of Hindustani Literature (which is understood to include Hindi and Urdu books of special merit, if the vocabulary and style used are simple and easy) published for the first time after 1930, either in Nagari or Urdu script. Preference will be given to applicants in the Province of Bombay and to books published in both the scripts. The amount will be devoted to (i) giving cash prizes, (ii) purchasing copies and (iii) helping in similar ways, authors and publishers. They are, therefore, invited to apply with 18 copies of each book at their own cost giving the full name and address of the author and the publisher and all particulars about the edition, price, availability, special features etc. etc. Applications must reach the Chairman, Provincial Board for Education in Hindustani "Loka Kalyan", 77 Shanwar Peth, Poona 2, BEFORE JANUARY 20, 1947.

GOA UNION CHIEF'S PLEA TO CONGRESSMEN

The following letter has been addressed to the President of the Indian National Congress by Mr. I. A. Collaco, President of Goan Union:—

"The Central Council of the Goan Union, the representative institution of Goan emigrants, while appreciating the purpose of Dr. Lohia and other Congressmen in rousing the people of Goa to make a stand for civil and political liberties sadly curtailed under the present regime, consider that the initiative in any such movement must come from the Goans themselves whether inside or outside Goa, and that the untimely eruption of Indian Congressmen may, instead of attaining the end in view, lead to unnecessary suffering, ill-feeling and bitterness.

"The Goan Union along with all patriotic Goans is interested in a peaceful solution of the Goan problem, and would, therefore, strongly urge Mahatma Gandhi, the Indian National Congress and Dr. Lohia to suspend their activities regarding Goa until such time as representative Goan institutions move in the matter and ask for their intervention".

Annual Social Gathering

A large gathering attended the first joint annual social of Cavelossim and Carmona held a few days ago at the Elly Khadoory Hall, Mazagon, Mr. Purshotamdas Tricumdas, Mr. A. P. J. Fernandes, and Dr. Ubaldo Miscarenhas were among the guests.

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POONA, Dec. 12, (APD): Following is the weather chart showing maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during past 24 hrs, from November 1 and departure from normal recorded at 8 a.m today.

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Every man who can be a first-rate something—as every man can be who is a man at all—has no right to be a fifth-rate something; for a fifth-rate something is no better than a first-rate nothing.

—J. G. Holland

The Bombay Chronicle

SOVEREIGN POWERS

Dr. Rajendra Prasad's assumption of office as the permanent Chairman of the Constituent Assembly was the occasion for a number of most eloquent speeches which would do credit to any country in the world. They paid eminently deserved tributes to the Chairman, championed in a spirited but dignified manner the rights of the House, and represented almost every important interest in the country except the Muslim League and the Princes. Apart from felicitating the Chairman and expressing complete confidence in him, several speakers referred with burning sincerity to the high aims and status of the Constituent Assembly. Sir S. Radhakrishnan expressed the feelings of most Indians when he suggested that the Constitution the Assembly should draw up should embody the dreams and passions, the ideals and aspirations of the people and must be based on the consent of all and respect the rights of all people belonging to this great land. "We have been kept apart", he said, "it is our duty now to find each other." He stated a plain historical truth when he said: "From the very roots of our civilisation down in the Indus valley to the present day, when we have representatives of that same great culture among Hindus and Muslims, we have stood for the ideal of comprehension and charity. This country never adopted Inquisitorial methods, it never asked the Parsees or the Jews or the Christians or the Muslims who came and took shelter here to change their creeds and become a uniform Hindu humanity. Live and let live—that has been the great spirit of this country." But under the unnatural conditions created by British rule we had betrayed and done wrong to millions of our own fellow countrymen, he said, and the time had now come for us to make atonement for all our past guilts. "It was not a question of justice or charity but a question of atonement." These feelings are shared by millions in the country but the real problem is how best things can be set right. However, if there is any body in the world that can set things right it is the Constituent Assembly. And the task will be easier if the Muslim League enters the Assembly very soon.

Another important point emphasised by several speakers including the Chairman was the sovereignty of the Constituent Assembly. The Chairman admitted that the Assembly "was born with certain limitations placed on it from its birth." But he added: "In spite of these limitations, the Assembly is a self-governing, self-determining, independent body in whose proceedings no outside authority can interfere and whose decisions no one outside can upset or alter or modify." Indeed, it is in the power of this Constituent Assembly to get rid of and demolish the very limitations, which have been attached to it at its birth." The Chairman does not at all suggest that the Assembly should flout the Cabinet Mission's plan which has put limitations on it but which Congress has accepted in its entirety. He evidently refers to the fact that the plan itself permits changes even in its essential provisions by agreement between the major communities. Indeed, he hopes that the Assembly will get rid of its limitations by placing before the world "a model Constitution that will satisfy the people of all groups and communities and religions inhabiting this vast land and will ensure to everyone freedom of action, of thought, of belief, and of worship, which will guarantee to everyone opportunities of rising to the highest, which will guarantee to everyone freedom in all respects." This is a great hope, indeed, but not beyond the capacity of the Constituent Assembly. What is not possible if the Assembly is inspired by a spirit of co-operation, a determination to settle differences by agreement as far as is humanly possible?

The implications of the Constituent Assembly's sovereign status except for the limitations referred to by the Chairman were well explained by Sir N. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar, who regarded the limitations "as "self-imposed" and remarked that the most onerous of the Chairman's tasks would be "the defeating of all attempts at weakening or whittling down the sovereign powers of the Assembly". Evidently he had in mind the attempts recently made by the British Government to add to the limitations of the Assembly by, among other ways, constituting itself the final interpreter of some of the provisions of its State Paper. The statement made by the British Government in Parliament on Wednesday adds little to that made last week. Indeed, it made no attempt to explain or justify the last paragraph in the latter, holding out the threat that in the event of the absence of any large section of the people from the Constituent Assembly its constitution would not be given effect to "in unwilling parts of the country." More light may be thrown on the whole statement in the following debate. However, the Constituent Assembly, under the guidance of Dr. Rajendra Prasad, mad be trusted to leave no choice to Britain but to give effect to the united will of India.

Frankly Speaking

Foreign Possessions In India

In the draft resolution on declaration of objectives which Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru is to move in the Constituent Assembly there occurs an interesting passage, to which we would like to draw particular attention. The passage refers to "such other parts of India as are outside British India and the States" which also might be included in the Union of Independent Sovereign India. The reference quite obviously is to the tiny French and Portuguese possessions in India. Although Indian Nationalism has always taken it for granted that these possessions shall ultimately be freed from their present masters and incorporated in Free India, this is the first time that a solemn and authoritative declaration of this kind has been made. It is a formal notice to the French and Portuguese. One of these possessions, Goa, has of late been very much in the news. Pandit Nehru once vividly described Goa as a pimple on the face of India. But the pimple has been giving a lot of pain, thanks to the short-sighted policy of the near-Fascist rulers of Goa. It is interesting to speculate how far the movement for Civil Liberties that has been going on in Goa and its ruthless suppression have brought the issue into focus and have thus provoked the present declarations. Petty dictators too have their uses.

Belated But Welcome

The decision of the Bombay Municipal Standing Committee approving the erection of automatic shutters on the waste weir of the Tansa Dam for improving the city's water supply has come none too soon. Owing partly to the phenomenal increase in the population of the city in recent years, and partly to the indifference of the landlords who fail to provide proper fittings or keep them in good repair, the supply of water in the poorer quarters of the city has been far from satisfactory. It is stated that the proposed erection of the automatic shutters will enable the city to get an additional supply of ten million gallons per day throughout the year. And yet the project is so simple that it is estimated to cost not more than Rs. 14 lakhs. It is surprising that such a thing should not have been thought of earlier and it is even more surprising that it should have been kept pending by the Works Committee for more than a year. This is an instance of the slow manner in which the complicated machinery of Local Self-Government institutions moves. Despite the delay, however, we welcome the proposal and would urge that the Municipal authorities should spare no effort—even if it means spending more money—to expedite the scheme. At the same time we would like to draw attention to the Bhivpuri scheme of water supply, which has been pending before the Corporation for a such a long time. The scheme has been approved in principle long ago and even a survey has been sanctioned. It would be well if the Municipal authorities and our city fathers—who have just obtained an extension of their tenure by one year more—gave up their indifferent attitude and expedited the scheme, so as to permanently remedy the chronic short supply of water in the city.

Timely Appeal

The Government of Bihar has done well to issue a timely warning against spreading of ill founded rumours by mischievous persons or agencies and an equally timely appeal to refugees, who have gone to Bengal or intend doing so, to think the better of their unfortunate decision. They have undoubtedly suffered and the first impulse of people in such circumstances is to seek safety. Their panic has been worked upon by interested and mischievous people and it is in the interest of these emigrants and would-be immigrants that propagandist mischief should stop and that they should on the contrary be persuaded to revise their decision. They have acted in a hurry, let them not have to repent, and repent grievously at leisure. It is not easy to be torn root and branch after generations of life in one soil and be grafted into an entirely new, unsuitable and uncongenial soil. It is a terrible business, financially, economically, socially and physically. And it will end, in the case of by far a large majority of the people, in misery and ruin. This inevitable tragedy must be stopped before it is too late.

Their Urgent Duty

Nor can the emigration of a few thousand people or even families solve any so-called communal problem either in Bihar or in Bengal. In fact, the Muslim Leaguers themselves are beginning to realise the utter impracticability of Mr. Jinnah's idea of transfer and exchange of population. They cannot, of course, say so in plain language. But there can be no other meaning to the cautious comments on Mr. Jinnah's proposal by Mr. Ismail Khan, the U. P. League leader and to the statement of the Bihar leader, Mr. Md. Yunus who commends to the Bihar Government certain suggestions regarding the resettling of refugees and adds significantly that Hindus and Muslims have lived like brothers for centuries. Whether the refugees should go back to their original homes or whether there should be started zonal settlements, the first urgent thing is that political capital should not be made of the sufferings of the refugees, that those sufferings should not be exploited against their own interests and that their life and future should not be thrown to the cruelties of what will, if persisted in, turn out to be a disastrous exodus. Muslim League leaders like Mr. Md. Yunus can render a real service to the afflicted people if, in a spirit of statesmanship and sober sympathy, free from temptations of political exploitation, they co-operate with the Bihar Government in solving a difficult problem. We are glad Mr. Yunus accepts the bona fides of the Bihar Government and, therefore, we are sure the co-operation will prove fruitful and of benefit to the sufferers.

INCREASING CITY'S WATER SUPPLY

Corporation Confirming Standing Committee's Orders For Tansa Shutters

BOMBAY, Thursday.—The Municipal Corporation confirmed today the Standing Committee's approval for the provision of automatic shutters on the Waste Weir of Tansa Dam in order to increase the city's water supply by 10 million gallons a day throughout the year and acceptance of Messrs. Duncan Stratten and Co. Ltd. for undertaking the project. Mr. M. I. Rowjee, the Mayor, presided.

Mr. Dayabhai Patel, Chairman of the Standing Committee explained to the members the project which is calculated to cost 14 lakhs of rupees to the Corporation.

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta speaking on the resolution observed that if the Executive of the House were of the opinion that the tender of Messrs. Duncan Stratton Co., Ltd., was technically sounder than that of Messrs. Garlick and Co. members should not judge the issue with any partisan spirit. The difference between the tenders of the two firms was after all only of Rs. 69,000. But he asked the Chairman of the Standing Committee what guarantee he had that the project would be completed before the 1947 monsoons set in or it was merely a pious hope and secondly, if the increased water-supply would be distributed equitably so that every citizen might get an additional supply of four gallons a day.

He moved an amendment that if there was any prospect of the project not being completed before the 1947 monsoons it should be postponed and also if an equitable distribution of the additional supply of water could not be assured.

The amendment was, however, dropped because none seconded it.

Mr. M. N. Talpade said that there was no hope of catching the 1947 monsoon unless some miracle had happened which these days doesn't.

Mr. Joshi moving an amendment that the matter should be referred back to the Works Committee said that the original tender of Messrs. Garlick and Co. was at 8 lakhs of rupees for undertaking the project. The Works Committee, he added, should be asked to ascertain if any tenders from them other than the original tender were received afterwards.

The amendment when put to vote was lost.

Mr. N. C. Bharucha also wanted to know on what conditions Messrs. Garlick and Co. were prepared to work out the project for 8 lakhs of rupees.

Mr. Godbole, Chairman of the Works Committee, maintained his original contention that the project could be carried out for 8 lakhs of rupees if the tender of Messrs. Duncan Stratton Co. Ltd., was not accepted and some other avenues were explored for undertaking the project.

The Municipal Commissioner addressing the House said that the House should carefully select the person for undertaking the project, because the Dam was 60 years old and if anything went amiss during the construction period the whole city would be in distress. Tenders for the work, he said, were invited by public advertisements from all over the world and only two firms submitted their tenders. "Much has been said about the original tender of Messrs. Garlick and Co. for undertaking the project at 8 lakhs of rupees. But in that tender the gates had a total flood discharging capacity of 25,000 cusecs. In the tender of Messrs. Duncan Stratton Co., Ltd., which stands at Rs. 12,69,200 the gates have a total flood discharging capacity of 34,600 cusecs. Messrs. Garlick and Co. never gave a tender of Rs. 12,00,000. We must respect the sanctity of tenders and unless these tenders are rejected we cannot ask anybody else for undertaking the work."

At this point Mr. Bharucha interrupting said that if Messrs. Garlick and Co. had never submitted a tender for Rs. 12,00,000 why it was noted down in the literature circulated to the councillors.

The Commissioner replied that the then Acting Municipal Commissioner had calculated that if the tender of Messrs. Garlick and Co. for a total flood-discharging capacity of the gates of 25,000 cusecs stood at eight lakhs of rupees for the gates with a discharging capacity of 33,000 the tender would stand at 12 lakhs of rupees.

ALLEGED FALSE STATEMENT

Mr. Bharucha, however, again drew the attention of the House to the inclusion of a false statement in the literature circulated to the members.

Mr. Dayabhai Patel, replying to the debate said that he could not give a guarantee that the 1947 monsoons would be caught, but the best efforts would be made to that end and added that for an equal distribution of water the system could not be changed.

The resolution when put to vote was passed by an overwhelming majority.

WEST IS BROKEN AND TIRED

Mrs. Pandit Debunks Smuts, Pays Tribute To Russia And Wonders At U. S.

LONDON, Dec. '12 (Reuter): Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, Leader of the Indian Delegation to the United Nations General Assembly, at a press conference here to-day described Field-Marshal Smuts' statement that discrimination against Indians in South Africa was necessary to preserve Western and Christian civilisation as "nonsense" and added, "if Christ himself tried to get into South Africa to-day he would be regarded as an undesirable immigrant.

"I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my gratitude and that of India to all those nations which supported India's case which is really a symbol of genuineness of the Charter to a degree in which the Charter is implemented and we hope by that to secure a degree of security.

BOQUET TO SMUTS

"I regret that it should have been necessary for me to oppose at the United Nations a man of the eminence of Field-Marshal Smuts who, in his time, has done so much for the service of Humanity and who is an author of the Preamble to the Charter.

"The success we have achieved in South Africa." Mrs. Pandit said, "might be described as a success of the New World over the Old. It is the success of the underlying principles of the Charter and I feel privileged that it was given to an Indian Delegation to raise this vital question at an Assembly of the United Nations.

"Our aim is to extend the hand of friendship to all nations. The U.S.S.R. and other Asiatic nations like Egypt, Iran and Iraq went out of their way to meet us Amongst the other nations we found sympathy too, but not to the same extent.

"Australia was very friendly and the Dominions all round showed an extraordinary attitude of friendship toward us.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH U. S?

"The United States attitude to India is generally one of sympathy, but when it comes down to real issues I do not always find implementations of that friendship; I find that whilst there is a great deal of sympathy and understanding for India among the American people there is an aloofness in the State Department. I do not know where the link snaps between the people and the state department but there is certainly a gap somewhere."

"We contend that racial discrimination has within it seeds of discontent," she added "India will be a key factor in the future. The West is too broken and too tired."

In reply to a question, Mrs. Pandit said: "I have never been of the opinion that India should remain within the Commonwealth."

Mrs Pandit who was accompanied by Colonel Fraser of the India Office and Mr. R. S. Mani, Acting Deputy High Commissioner leaves for India at 5 a.m. (GMT). (10.30 a.m. I.S.T.) tomorrow.

ARABS OPPOSED TO PAKISTAN

The A.P.A. adds that Mrs. Pandit declined to comment on the present deadlock in the negotiations to bring the Muslim League into the Constituent Assembly. "I have been away from India for two months and I have had no first hand knowledge "of the interim events she replied to a request for comment.

Later, however, she said that during the United Nations meeting she had conferred with practically all of the leaders from the Arab states and she found none in favour of a division of India."

Wanted Trade Agreement Between India & Australia

Meecham's Plea For Tariff Revision; Special Supply Of Food May Be Made

CALCUTTA, Dec 12 (APA): Mr. B. Meecham, leader of the six-man Australian Trade Delegation, said here today that "there is need for a searching examination into the tariff position between Australia and India as well as for the negotiation of a mutually advantageous trade agreement."

Addressing the last press conference of the seven weeks tour of India, Mr. Meecham said "as the first step towards closer collaboration between the two countries and for the development of increasing Indo-Pacific trade, the Australian Trade Commissioner organisation in India is being greatly expanded to cope with the wide range of inquiries" for Australian and Indian Products.

He said that during talks with commercial and manufacturing organisations the delegation found a great demand for plant, equipment and goods of every type, but immediate delivery by Australia was conditioned by many factors beyond the control of anybody during this period of transition from war to peace economy. He hoped, however, "to provide India with a full measure of assistance in the not distant future."

Australia, Meecham said needed "very badly" a greater allocation of Indian cotton textiles, particularly fine counts, jute goods, linseed and linseed oil "in return for our wool, capital equipment, foodstuffs of all types and those manufactured goods which India herself is not able to provide."

Replying to questions concerning the White Australian policy, Mr. Meecham said the delegation had discussed the problem with many Indian leaders during its tour and was faced with the question at almost every press conference in India. "Having come to this country purely for trade negotiations, the delegation is not prepared to indulge in political discussions, but it will convey to our Government, trading organisations and the people in general the feeling on the subject in this country" he said.

Trading to the question of exportable Australian wheat, Mr. Meecham said the forecast for 1946-47 was 153,000,000 bushels of which the country consumed about 70,000,000 bushels. He could not, however, say how much of this surplus will be made available to India. "But," he added "if there is any special need a special supply will be made to India."

The delegation is leaving India on December 14.

Eight Killed In Explosion

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (Reuter): Between five and eight people are believed to have been killed by an explosion in an unused five-storey cold storage building in upper Manhattan which ripped away the rear section of an adjoining house, it was reported to-day.

The explosion, which occurred while firemen were fighting a fire on the ice storage, wrecked adjoining buildings burying many of their occupants under debris. Those buried include several firemen and some little children.

Five people, three of whom were dead, have so far been recovered.

Among those still trapped are a group of children in their teens. Their voices can be heard coming through the wreckage.

A detective who entered the runs later to-day reporters seeing four more bodies which brings the death roll to at least seven.

"Our check shows that about 40 persons are missing", the detective added.

This was the third fire disaster in four days on the North American continent. Last Saturday 120 people lost their lives in the worst hotel fire in American history at the 15-storey Winecoff Hotel, Atlanta.

Eleven people were burned to death and 18 injured when the Barry Hotel at Saskatoon, Canada was set on fire apparently by a petrol can left near a blazing stove.

EX-RULER OF REWA

An Incorrect Report

We are given to understand that the report published in our issue of the 4th instant from our Jubbulpore correspondent that His Highness Maharaja Sir Gulabsinghji ex-Ruler of Rewa State intends to reside in some U. P. village adjoining the Rewa State with a view to establish closer contact with the Rewa State people is entirely baseless, and that His Highness has no intention of residing in any bordering village.

Teheran Celebrates Surrender Of Azerbaijan Democrats

TEHERAN, Dec. 12 (UPA): A crowd of two to three thousand Iranians celebrating the surrender of the Azerbaijan Democrats, marched through the main streets of Teheran to-day shouting 'Long live Ghavam—Death to the traitors of Azerbaijan." The crowd increased as bystanders joined in with the parade. As they marched past the left-wing Tudeh Party Club building, they shook their fists at Tudeh members watching the parade.

The paraders shouted, "Long Live the Shah—Long Live Ghavam—Death to Pishewari and all those who want to sell the country to foreigners."

The crowd, carrying an Iranian flag, massed before the Ministry of War and cheered all the military leaders who planned the occupation of Azerbaijan.

Tudeh Party members and the Tudeh press, who had expected Soviet support for the Azerbaijan Democrats, seemed to be perplexed to-day by the Russian silence and lack of action.

Meanwhile, the Imperial forces were still advancing over rough roads towards Tabriz but so far had not occupied the capital.

DEMOCRATS CEASE RESISTANCE

LONDON, Dec. 12, (UPA): Radio Teheran reported today that Azerbaijan officials had telegraphed the Shah and Premier Ghavam-es-Sultaneh that they had taken immediate steps to convince responsible Azerbaijani leaders to cease resistance to the Imperial forces sent to supervise the elections.

Radio Teheran reported that Ghavam had telegraphed a reply saying that the "reasonable decision of the Azerbaijani leaders was worthy of praise and that the army of Iran had no aims to pursue except the maintenance of quiet and order.

ONE-THIRD MEMBERS BOYCOTT S. KOREAN ASSEMBLY

SEOUL (Korea), Dec. 12, (Reuter): More than one-third of the 90 members of the first elected South Korean National Legislature boycotted its first session today. Only 56 members were present.

Twelve Left-wing members stayed away because they considered the legislature "unrepresentative", while 21 absent Democrat members demanded new elections in some districts.

Lt.-Gen. John Hodge, Commander of the United States forces in Southern Korea, opened the session.

Of the present legislature 45 were elected in free elections and the other 45 were selected by the American Military Government from the lists submitted by parties.

Rent Controller's Jurisdiction

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhagwati)

Manibhai Hathibhai Patel and another Petitioners

vs.

C. W. E Arbuthnot, Rent Controller, Bombay — Respondent

The petitioners were the owners of a property known as "Bhadran Bhuvan" at Tardeo which consisted of shops. Shops Nos. 10 11 12 13 and 14 were rented out to different tenants at the monthly rent of Rs. 80, 35 80 80 and 115 respectively. The tenants of these shops made a joint application to the respondent as Rent Controller alleging that prior to September 1, 1940 these five shops were let out as a single tenement at the monthly rent of Rs. 120 and calling upon the Rent Controller to fix the standard rent of the five shops into which that tenement had been split up under section 13 of the Rent Act of 1944. As soon as proceedings commenced before the Rent Controller, the petitioners filed the present petition for the writs of certiorari and prohibition and for an order under Section 45 of the Specific Relief Act for an order quashing those proceedings on the ground that the Rent Controller had under the Rent Act of 1944 no jurisdiction to fix the standard rent in respect of shops Nos. 10 to 13 the rents of each of which were Rs. 80 or less.

His lordship held that with regard to section 13 of the Rent Act of 1944 which empowered the Rent Controller to fix the rent 'inter alia' in cases in which a single tenement had been split up, the premises which had to be considered were the premise, as they were let out before they were split up in September 1940 when the standard monthly rent was Rs. 120. The rent at which they were then let out being over Rs. 80, the Rent Controller had jurisdiction to entertain the application made to him by the tenants and to fix the standard rent of the rooms in question. His lordship therefore dismissed the petition with costs.

Mr. H D. Banaji instructed by Messrs. Malvi Ranchhodas and Co. appeared for the petitioners.

The Advocate-General instructed by Messrs. Little and Co., appeared for the Rent Controller.

NO POWER TO PREVENT VEXATIOUS COMPLAINTS

Criminal Review

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Lokur)

Imperator

vs

1. S. H. Vaney
2. J. M Jassawalla

It having come to their lordships' notice in Revision that there had been a large number of complaints between Vaney and Jassawalla in respect of a property at Juhu, their lordships had directed that all complaints filed by either side since October 1944 in the Courts of Presidency Magistrates should be forwarded to the High Court with a view to consider whether the parties were vexatious litigants and whether the High Court had the power to prevent a party from filing complaints without leave on the ground that he was a vexatious litigant. On a notice being issued to Vaney and to Jassawalla by the High Court to that effect the matter came up as a Criminal Review. It was found that 19 complaint had been filed or refiled by Vaney or his servants against Jassawalla or his relatives and servants and 5 by Jassawalla or his relatives against Vaney. Jassawalla owned a property at Juhu. He alleged that he had allowed Vaney to stay in a shack on his property for only 15 days and that he wrongfully refused to go out. Vaney claimed to be a tenant. Disputes arose between the parties as a result of which these various complaints were filed. Of the complaints filed against Vaney one for defamation and other charges ended in his conviction, while of the complaints filed by Vaney some were pending and the rest were dismissed.

After hearing the Government Pleader and the parties, their lordships expressed the view that Vaney was a vexatious litigant but that they had no power to prevent any person from filing vexatious complaints. The inherent powers of the Court under Section 561 A to prevent abuse of the process of the Court did not confer powers which the court did not already possess. Their lordships considered the law in England and came to the conclusion that there was no inherent power in the English Courts to prevent a person from filing vexatious complaints which the High Courts could have inherited. Moreover, there was no statutory provision in India conferring such a power. Their lordships, however, desired to point out to Magistrates that under Section 250 of the Criminal Procedure Code they had wide powers to order a complainant to pay compensation not exceeding Rs. 100 if the Magistrate was satisfied that the accusation was false and either frivolous or vexatious and stated that Magistrates should not be slow to use those powers in proper cases. With these observations their lordships discharged the notice.

The Government Pleader appeared for the Crown.

Vaney appeared in person Mr. K. J. Khandalavala instructed by Messrs. Mulla and Mulla appeared for Jassawalla.

9 Killed In Berlin Suburban Train Crash

BERLIN, Dec. 12 (APA): Nine persons were killed and 34 injured when an electric suburban train crashed into the rear of a freight train yesterday near Oranienburg, about 20 miles north of Berlin, it was announced to-day.

The crash occurred on a single track line on which the steam freight train was moving at a slow speed. The cause of the crash is under investigation, railway authorities said.

SMUTS FOR S. AFRICA

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter): General Smuts left London to-day in his private York plane for South Africa. On his way back he will stop at Athens where he will be received by the King of the Hellenes.

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WITHOUT COMMENT

LONDON, Dec. 11 (UPA).—Well informed Whitehall circles said today that the talks of British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin with U. S. Secretary of State James Byrnes removed the reasons for any future substantial disagreements between the British and the Americans on Palestine.

These circles are confident that Bevin will return to London with a new agreed Anglo-American Palestine policy which Byrnes was pledged to support and which President Harry Truman endorsed in his talk with Bevin last Sunday.

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Speaking as Chairman of the Constituent Assembly on the status and powers of that Body, Rajen Babu declared that it could even "get rid of and demolish the very limitations which have been attached to it at its birth."

He must please clarify at once.

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During the discussion on the demand for a debate it was noted, Reuter reports, that "for once Mr. Churchill was not involved in heated exchanges with the leader of the House, Mr. Herbert Morrison."

We do hope this was not due to some secret sympathy on Mr. Morrison's part with Mr. Churchill's point of view.

You never know, you know.

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"Mr. Churchill's insistence", Reuter's Political correspondent says, "that there should be an immediate debate on India took the whole House by surprise...."

And us, by wholly agreeable no—surprise.

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In his statement to the Lords, Lord Pethick-Lawrence, on behalf of all Parties in the House, appealed to "all communities in India to co-operate in the framing of a Constitution...."

Interpret and then Appeal.

Not a bad variation in the changed circumstances on the old method.

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Lord Cranborne, Tory spokesman in the Lords, urged that "there is much elucidation of essential facts needed for the benefit of this House and the country also."

And for India too. For India too.

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OBJECTIVE FREEDOM

—Headline to Nehru's C. A. Resolution.

And OPERATIONS CROSSROADS.

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Some Labour M.P.'s were reported to believe that Mr. Churchill would demand complete British evacuation of India in order to spite the warring Indians.

If only those Labour M.P.'s were true prophets!

As it is, they might well appear as accused to answer a libel charge by suggesting that Churchill could be guilty of treason to his Imperial Idea.

FIVE STABBINGS IN CITY

BOMBAY, Thursday: "Five knife-attacks were reported on Thursday, the areas being Parel, Pydhoni, Maharbowri and Dadar. Two arrests were made in connection with the stabbing in Parel area", says a Press Note issued by the Director of Publicity.

CALCUTTA CURFEW TO BE LIFTED TODAY

CALCUTTA, Dec. 12, (A.P.I.): Drastic action has been taken in connection with the incidents that took place in Bow Bazar Street and Upper Circular road areas on the afternoon of December 5, the last day of Mohurram celebrations, states a Press Note, issued by the Commissioner of Police Calcutta, today. Heavy collective fines will be imposed shortly on the inhabitants of these two areas.

The Press Note adds: that in Bow Street area 56 houses were searched and, weapons and brickbats seized and 90 persons arrested. In Upper Circular Road area, a Bazar was searched and a large quantity of acid, some iron rods and brickbats seized and several arrests made.

The Commissioner of Police says the curfew will be lifted tomorrow.

The Commissioner of Police, Calcutta, has imposed further collective fines, totalling Rs. 2,000, on the inhabitants of a certain community in two areas of the city in connection with the recent disturbances.

ALLAHABAD CURFEW MODIFIED

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 12, (A.P.I.): The District Magistrate of Allahabad has curtailed the curfew restrictions by four hours, which will, from today remain in force between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

SECURITY DEMAND ON "JAI HIND"

CALCUTTA, Dec. 12, (UPI): The Government of Bengal demanded a security deposit of Rs. 2,000 each from the printer, publisher of the evening daily, "Jai Hind" and another Rs. 2,000 from the keeper of the press from which the paper is printed.

SITUATION IN DAIREN

Chinese Govt. Not Engaged In Negotiations

NANKING, Dec. 12 (Reuter): Chinese military authorities at Antung have been instructed to see that Soviet sentry positions along the Korean border should not be extended to any points within the Chinese frontier, said Dr. George Yeh, Director of the European Department of the Foreign Ministry, in an official statement today.

Dr. Yeh, referring to the situation at Dairen, said: "The Government is not engaged in any negotiations concerning Dairen.

"According to the Chinese-Soviet treaty Dairen is Chinese. We have not yet been able to establish an administration there, however, owing to Communist obstruction".

CHURCHILL ATTACKS LABOUR'S INDIA POLICY

(Continued From Page 1)

ladies in bright Indian costumes sitting in the Distinguished Strangers' Gallery.

Sir Stafford Cripps began by moving the motion which stood in the names of the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, Sir Stafford Cripps, Mr. A. V. Alexander and Mr. Arthur Henderson.

It was: "That this House takes note of the statement on India made on December 11 by the Prime Minister and expresses its hope that a settlement of the present difficulties between Indian parties will be forthcoming."

Declaring that Britain had now, for over a century and a half, been intimately associated with the development of India, Sir Stafford Cripps said: "We have been largely responsible for shaping her destiny and deciding the course of her history. Whether we have conducted ourselves well or ill, we have carried the responsibility in a large measure and today we find that India and her people, like ourselves, are confronted with the most grave problem that arises out of that historical development.

BRITAIN SHARES RESPONSIBILITY

"Do not let us under-estimate the difficulty of its solution. It is sometimes suggested that but for the intransigence of this or that Indian Party the matter could be easily solved. That, I do not think is in accordance with the true situation. Everyone, who has shared in the responsibility for the past of India, must likewise share in the responsibility for the present and we as a people share that responsibility and that is why, we are all of us most anxious to find a way out of these present difficulties."

The time had now come, said Sir Stafford Cripps, when Britain wanted to hand over power to the Indian people, the difficulty was how to accomplish that objective.

There were two principles, both democratically, sound but which were very hard to match together in a single process.

The first was the right of the majority to determine its own future without any veto or prohibition from any minority. The second was the right of minorities to enjoy freedom and a full voice in the determination of their own future without suppression by the majority.

GETTING ROUND HISTORY

"The only way in which these two rights can be worked out is in a democratic Assembly where there is give and take. We know in this House of Commons a degree of tolerance between parties.

"The fundamental difficulty, I belive, in India today is that the principal bodies have not shown themselves prepared to trust one another or work together on a democratic basis.

"Deep-seated contention, accentuated by the approach of handing over of power, has bitterly separated those, who alone can determine the future of India. There is no use our girding at the facts of history. We must try to overcome or get round them."

Loud cheers greeted a tribute by Sir Stafford Cripps to the Viceroy of India, Lord Wavell, for his "hard and unceasing labour" in the task of forming the Interim Government.

SPEECHES ACCENTUATE DIFFICULTIES

After recalling the events which had led up to this event Sir Stafford Cripps said: "The Government is functioning satisfactorily today and there have been, I am glad to say, no major difficulties within the Government itself. Unfortunately, the position is not helped by speeches made in the country by the supporters of the two parties. It is difficult, as members of the opposition know, if not impossible, to maintain unity within a Coalition Government if an active and bitter struggle is proceeding throughout the country between partisans of the two sides to that Coalition."

Sir Stafford Cripps declared that the position had, of course, been made far worse by the outbreak of violence on a large scale throughout many Provinces. It was right to say Sir Stafford Cripps added, that the leaders on both sides had roundly condemned these disturbances and had tried by visiting the areas and otherwise to influence their followers to a more calm and less violent frame of mind.

CALCUTTA STARTS RIOTS

Referring to the riots, Sir Stafford Cripps said: "This terrible toll of casualties is an index of the intensity of the communal feeling that has come into being and though it will be deplored by everyone, who has the interest of India at heart, nevertheless is a stark and naked fact. It settles nothing. Indeed it only makes settlement more difficult, but is a factor none of us can ignore".

Sir Stafford Cripps recalled that riots broke out in Calcutta after the Muslim League decision to set aside August 16 as Direct Action Day. These riots, he said, shocked the whole world by their intensity. He referred to the deathroll of some 4,000 and of 10,000 injured. Next came the outbreaks in Eastern Bengal, when gangs of Muslim nooligans carried the reign of terror into those parts with the result that 50,000 evacuees were driven out and some 200 deaths caused. This was accompanied by abduction, rape and forced conversions and as a result wild rumours circulated, greatly exaggerating that conduct which was already bad enough.

BIHAR'S RECORD

"Even worse violence and murder broke out in Bihar and spread to the United Provinces. It was not possible to give the casualties in Bihar with any accuracy, but they were practically all Muslims and many were women and children. It was probably not an exaggeration to put the dead alone at 5,000. It was estimated that since September 1, there had been 445 deaths due to serious rioting in the United Provinces".

Referring to the visit of Indian leaders to London, Sir Stafford Cripps said that it was hoped that even at that eleventh hour some accommodation might be possible in the calmer atmosphere of London. The leaders at these meetings on both sides stated that they genuinely desired co-operation in the Constituent Assembly and that they realised that some agreement between the parties was essential as basis for the happy and progressive future of India. Nevertheless, they were unable to come to any agreement as to how the Constituent Assembly should proceed.

BALANCE OF STRENGTH

Sir Stafford Cripps declared: "The object of the Cabinet Mission was to find means whereby they could balance the desire of the Congress for a strong Unitary Federation on the one hand with the Muslim League's desire for autonomy on the other. That balance was obtained by a limited Centre, the constituent of which was to be worked out by a Constituent Assembly, in which the Congress would have a clear majority on the basis of population on which it was constituted on the one side, and sections 'B' and 'C' in which the Muslims would have their majority on the other hand; and in which, of course, Provincial Constitutions and if so decided Group Constitutions could be worked out for the two groups of provinces. Thus each party had a majority where it was most deeply interested. It was, however, provided that no Province could be forced into a group against its will."

Sir Stafford Cripps added that the dispute which arose, as to how decision should be arrived at in the Sections, was already a matter of difference when the Mission was in India. Could a Province vote itself out of a Grouping and itself determine its own constitution for the province or were both these matters to be decided by a simple majority of the Section.

LEAGUE SUPPORT TO GOVERNMENT

The latter view was clearly the correct one in the opinion of the Cabinet Mission, His Majesty's Government and their legal advisers; and this view was supported by the Muslim League.

"The Congress took the contrary view. The Congress had said that they were prepared to submit this question of interpretation to the Federal Court and accept its decision, but on this, to them, a fundamental point, the Muslim League were not prepared to take that risk. There the matter still remained."

Sir Stafford Cripps said that the Government had asserted definitely their understanding of the document and had stated that if the Constituent Assembly desired to refer the matter to the Federal Court then they hoped they would do it quickly so as to remove any doubts in their minds.

But the Government also had to envisage the possibility in the clause in the final paragraph of the statement. This was perhaps a statement of the obvious—that if the Muslim League could not be persuaded to come into the Constituent Assembly, then parts of the country where they were in a majority could not be held to be bound by the results. That position had always been realised by the Congress who had repeatedly said that they would not coerce unwilling areas to accept the New Constitution.

JINNAH WILL COME IN

Sir Stafford Cripps continued: "I do not wish the House to gain the impression that the position is therefore hopeless.

"We understand that Mr. Jinnah is prepared to put the matter before his Council with a view to ascertaining whether on the basis of the statement of December 6 they are now prepared to enter the Assembly and we hope that the Constituent Assembly will show their statesmanship and desire for accommodation with the Muslim League by not committing themselves irrevocably to anything that will make it more difficult for the Muslim League to come in at a later date.

"For the moment, therefore, I cannot take that matter any further.

"It is perhaps a little unfortunate that at this tense and delicate moment we should have been induced to stage a debate in this house."

Mr. Churchill: Are we doing any harm now?

Sir Stafford Cripps: "I hope not. We still have hope that despite the mutual fears and suspicions which reign, the two parties may eventually find themselves side by side in the Constituent Assembly and in Sections, for we are as convinced now as we have ever been, that it is by such co-operation that a satisfactory new constitution for India can be hammered out.

Sir Stafford Cripps then told the House how matters stood with the States and the Minorities.

NO SURRENDER OF PARAMOUNTCY YET

"Regarding Indian States, the Cabinet Mission laid down two principles as to the relationships of States to the Crown during this period of transition.

The First, that during the transitional period of the Interim Government, Paramountcy would remain with the British Crown. The British Government could not and would not, in any circumstances, transfer that Paramountcy to any other Government of British India.

"Second, that when the transfer of power takes place in British India, then, if I may quote as logical consequence and in view of desires expressed to them on behalf of Indian States His Majesty's Government will cease to exercise powers of paramountcy'."

Sir Stafford Cripps said that this quotation was in the statement made to the States while the Cabinet Mission was in India.

He added: "This means that the rights of the States, which flow from their relationship to the Crown will no longer exist and that the rights surrendered by the States to the Paramount Power will return back to the States again.

"Proposals were also put forward as to the participation of representatives of the States in the Constituent Assembly and also for a Negotiating Committee representing the States which would settle outstanding matters with the representatives of Major communities in British India.

STATES WANT TO DEAL WITH BOTH PARTIES

"These arrangements were welcomment on June 19 and the Negotiating Committee has now been set up. In that statement they expressed the view that the Mission's plan provided the necessary machinery for attaining by India of independence, as well as a fair basis for future negotiations."

"Not unnaturally Indian States are most anxious that all Major communities should be represented in the Constituent Assembly as they do not wish to be in the position of having to deal with one community only. Their ability, indeed, to co-operate must depend to some extent on what happens as regards the entry of the Muslims into the Constituent Assembly."

Dealing with the minorities Sir Stafford Cripps said that it would be remembered that in the proposals of 1942, it was laid down that one of the conditions of acceptance by Britain of the New Constitution was that there should be a treaty which among other things would contain a provision for the protection of minorities.

MINORITIES' PROTECTION

"In the proposals of the Cabinet Mission this year the conditions of minorities were stated differently. That is, it was stated that a satisfactory provision for their protection should appear in the Constitution and this we believe to be a more effective way and indeed, it is in line with the demands put forward by Dr. Ambedkar to the Viceroy in 1942 when he stressed the ineffectiveness of treaty protection and the need for incorporation of protective provisions in the Constitution itself.

"The second point of interest is the provision suggested by the Mission for seeing that proper protection of minorities should be incorporated in the Constitution.

"At first sight, it might appear that this could be done by giving them weightage in the Constituent Assembly. But when the position is examined it will be found that if sufficient weightage is given to make the representation really effective for each of the minorities in the Constituent Assembly or in the Sections, then it places the Majority parties in an impossible position.

"It would, for instance, deprive the Muslims of their majority in Sections 'B' and 'C.' In fact quite a lot of Minority representatives have been elected to the Constituent Assembly owing to proportional representation and with some assistance from the major parties.

These are six Indian Christians, three Anglo-Indians, 29 Scheduled Castes of Congress sponsoring and two of other sponsoring.

The Sikhs, of course, have been dealt with as a major party in the Punjab, which is their stronghold and they themselves have elected their own quota of representatives.

"The Mission felt this was not in itself enough and so proposed an Advisory Committee on, among other things, Minorities to attain full Representation of all minorities, especially those not otherwise represented in the Assembly and it was the intention that this should be an authoritative body, whose recommendations would carry weight both with the Assembly and the Sections.

"Those are the general provisions with regard to Minorities.

CONSOLATION TO SIKHS

"I would mention two of the special cases, Sikhs and the Depressed Classes. The position of the Sikhs is a very difficult one, because they do not have Majority in any single province or area of the country and it is, therefore, impossible to devise any method of giving them any form of autonomy.

They are, however, a very important community, almost entirely centred in the Punjab.

"They wished that the section, which contained the Punjab to be given the right to veto any provision, which affected their community, just as the Muslim League had such right in the Constituent Assembly itself. That was not possible, because a similar right would have had to be given to the other minorities and if two such vetoes had existed it would have been a certainty that the Section would not have arrived at any decision at all. By avoiding partition which would have divided the Sikhs into two halves they were saved a worse solution from their point of view. The Sikhs were not perhaps in so bad a position as they have thought. Both the other two communities must be anxious for their support. If that very valiant community will exercise patience, they will find they will come very well out of it."

Regarding the Scheduled Castes, Sir Stafford Cripps said, as it turned out they had got two representatives in the Interim Government, one from the Congress organisation and one Independent from Bengal who was in fact a sympathiser with Dr. Ambedkar's Federation.

In the Constituent Assembly, there were 29 Congress representatives of the Scheduled Castes and two others. He hoped representation would be given to both the organisation in the Advisory Committee on minorities.

AVOID CIVIL STRIFE

In conclusion he said: "After careful re-examination of the scheme put forward in May last, we are convinced that it is not only a fair but a feasible scheme. Whatever the scheme, it is clear, it can only succeed by co-operation and a certain degree of tolerance whether in the Constituent Assembly or in the Sections. Neither community can force the other to accept its decisions, unless there is sufficient mutual trust of the basic Democratic intention of both parties. We hope both the parties may arrive at an agreement between them in which they are both honourably bound, not only in letter, but in spirit.

"We can see no other way in which disaster and civil strife can be avoided. Nor, has any party been able to suggest any alternative method, which is acceptable to the other party. We hope very much that nothing in this debate will accentuate the differences that exist or make more difficult the coming together of these great communities for the future benefit or glory of their country.

STOP PROPAGANDA

"I have attempted to lay before the House some of the important facts of the present Indian situation. I have tried to be objective in the summary which must of necessity omit many incidents. His Majesty's Government are, of course, most deeply concerned with the recent developments in India, anxious as they are to see a rapid and smooth transition to Self-Government. They believe it is still possible for the plan of the Cabinet Mission to be carried through, but I am convinced, it is essential that all parties in India should call a halt to violent propaganda, which has stirred up the people over the last few months. The first condition of successful outcome in the Constituent Assembly and the Sections is that the parties should show by their conduct outside these bodies the reality of their desire to co-operate within them.

"If this degree of mutual trust can be engendered, there is no reason we can see why within the next year a new constitution cannot be worked out, which will then enable the British people to hand over to the Indian people with dignity and completeness the power they have so long exercised in India and by so doing, complete a great chapter of world development and realise the hopes of so many of those British citizens, who have served British India so long in the past". (loud cheers).

CHURCHILL OPENS HIS BARRAGE

Mr. Winston Churchill, Leader of the Opposition, began by saying that the Opposition associated itself with Sir Stafford in his appeal to the various leaders of parties in India to abstin from violent propaganda, and invective against each other, which might have the effect of bringing about a recrudescence or intensification of the grave disorders, which had occurred.

"Sir Stafford Cripps deplored in moderate terms the fact that we are having a debate on this subject today, but it would be a pity if the British Empire in India passed out of life into History without the House of Commons seeming to take any interest in the affair, without any record even in the Hansard of the transaction".

Declaring that the Opposition would not divide the House, Mr. Churchill said: "We must indulge the hope that an agreement will be reached between the two great Indian religions and their political parties, which give modern expression to their age-long antagonisms"

PARTY NOT NATIONAL DECISION

Apparently referring to his insistence on having a debate Mr. Churchill said: "If we remain silent after all these months, it might be thought that we were in agreement with His Majesty's Government and that the policy they were pursuing was the national policy and not the Party policy of the forces they represent. It might be thought that this was the policy which was endorsed and the execution of which was endorsed by the British people as a whole whereas for good or for ill, the responsibility rests with His Majesty's Government.

"On their heads lies the responsibility, not only for execution but for the impulse they have given to a great many tendencies, which are dominant in this matter today.

"I will say nothing to derogate from any utterance or statement made by members of the other parties, but I would be very sorry indeed that as matters unfold in India there should be any question of our being held accountable at the present time for the course of events.

"Therefore, we are bound to take the opportunity of bringing the affair to the light of day".

Mr. Churchill added: "There was and still is a general measure of consent here and throughout the land to the final transference of power from the House of Commons into Indian hands, but that transference, if it is to take place, must be based upon agreement and co-operation of the principal masses and forces among the Indian people. Only in this way could that transference take place without measureless bloodshed out there and lasting discredit to our name in the world.

"Those who are acquainted with the general movement of our relations with India over the last 20 years have hoped that the desire of many Indians to be rid forever of British Rule and guidance would have brought a melting of hearts among the vast populations inhabiting the Indian Continent and that they should have joined together to maintain the peace and unity of India and stride more boldly into their independent future.

CHURCHILL QUOTES HIS FATHER

"It is necessary to place on record the undoubted fact that no such melting of hearts had occurred. In fact, I think that that would be considered an under-statement. On the contrary, all facts and omens point to the revival in acute and violent form of the internal hatreds and quarrels, WHICH HAVE LONG LAIN DORMANT UNDER THE MILD INCOMPETENCE OF LIBERAL BRITISH CONTROL.

To me, it would come as no surprise if there was complete failure to agree. As I warned the House in 1931, if we were to wash our hands of responsibility, a fierce Civil War would immediately break out between Muslims and Hindus. But this warning like others fell on deaf ears."

Mr. Churchill said that he always bore in mind the words used by his father when Secretary for India 60 years ago in 1885—"Our rule in India is, as it were, a sheet of oil spread out over the surface and keeping calm and quiet and unruffled by storms an immense and profound ocean of humanity."

HARPS ON WANT OF AGREEMENT

That was a task, commented Mr. Churchill, which with all their shortcomings and through all their ordeals they had faithfully and loyally pursued since Queen Victoria assumed the Imperial Crown.

"That is the task which we have now declared ourselves willing to abandon, abandon completely, provided we have such assurances of agreement between Indian races, religious parties and forces as will clear us of the responsibility of leaving India to a hideous collapse and catastrophe. We have no such assurances at the present time." (Conservative cheers).

An agreement in India was an indispensable condition. It was the foundation of the Cripps and Cabinet Missions. "There is no agreement yet before us I say yet. There is only strife and bloodshed and the prospect more worse. That is the first point we must take note of—absence of an agreement which was the common ground between us and would stand as the foundation of future transference of power."

WORST MASSACRE SINCE MUTINY

Mr. Churchill said: "The second point was the cardinal error of the British Government when on August 12 they invited one single Indian Party, the Congress, to nominate all the members of the Viceroy's Council (Conservative Cheers) thereby precipitating strife and massacres over a wide region (Conservative cheers and Labour shouts of protests) unparalleled in India since the Indian Mutiny of 1857. Indeed, it is certain that more people have lost their lives or been wounded in India by violence since the Nehru Government was installed in office four months ago than in the previous 90 years, four generations of men, covering a large party of five reigns."

"That", said Mr. Churchill, was only a foretaste of what might well come in the future. It might be only the first few heavy drops of rain before the thunderstorm broke. This "Frightful Slaughter" in wide regions had in the main fallen upon the Muslim minorities.

BIHAR UPSETS CHURCHILL'S SOUL

Quoting reports from "High and credible witnesses" of what had taken place in Bihar, Mr. Winston Churchill said that it cast into shade the Armenian atrocities with which Gladstone once stirred the moral sense of Liberal Britain.

"We are, of course, cauterised by all we have passed through ourselves, our faculty for wonder is ruptured, our faculty of reason is numb. The world is full of misery and pathos, but it has not stirred us as it would have done our fathers or predecessors in this House".

He doubted very much whether the official figure of 10,000 lives lost since the Interim Administration of Pandit Nehru took over represented half the total of racial and religious murders to date. "This outbreak of animal fury had ravaged many large districts and may, at any time, resume or spread its devastation through the teeming cities and provinces as big as England on the British Isles".

It was some comfort to recall that both Muslim and Hindu leaders had joined together to arrest or at least to mitigate "this appalling degeneration".

CHURCHILL COMPLIMENTS NEHRU

Mr. Churchill added: "I have been informed that it was Pandit Nehru himself who gave the order which the Provincial Government of Bihar had been afraid to give, for the police and troops to fire upon a Hindu mob who were exterminating the Muslim minority in their midst. That is certainly to his credit. May it be taken as an encouraging sign. Nevertheless, I must record by own belief which I have long held that any attempt to establish the reign of Hindu Numerical majority in India will never be achieved without a civil war.

"Perhaps it will not be in fronts of armies or organised forces but in thousands of different places. Such a war would lead through uncountable agony to an awful abridgment in the population.

"Any attempt by the Congress party to establish Hindu Rule on basis of majority, measured by standards of Western Civilisation or what is left of it, by proceeding with the forms and formulas of Government with which we are familiar will at a very early stage be fatal to any conception of the Unity of India.

(MESSAGE INCOMPLETE)

Gandhiji's Great Experiment In Noakhali Villages

ITS SUCCESS WILL BE "CROWNING ACT" OF HIS LIFE

SRIRAMPORE, Dec. 12 (U.P.I.): Dr. Amiya Chakravarty of Shantiniketan and Secretary to the late Rabindra Nath Tagore, had discussions with Mahatma Gandhi on the latter's great experiment and the work of his followers in different villages of Noakhali.

Dr. Chakravarty suggested that reports from Gandhiji's associates who were now working separately in different villages of Noakhali should be collected so that fellow workers in other places could gain new light on the technique of social service.

Gandhiji replied: "The time is not yet ripe for that. They have gone with my best wishes, but to an atmosphere which is still unhelpful. They are not following a beaten path but a trackless route. Their work lies in the midst of the Muslim population. They do not know the language and are not familiar with local problems.

"I myself do not know what the next step is and cannot guide them. They are unable to send reports now. If I had made out a chart for them they would be able to keep a log book. Even the great Thakkar Bapa, as old as myself, a seasoned worker and utterly selfless, is doing a thing which he had never done. But I am hopeful that order will come out of what is for us a necessary chaos. Then what you wish, and I also, will be forthcoming, and will be a most valuable record for future workers."

Dr. Chakravarty said: "That is what all our people feel, and also workers abroad. Noakhali has somehow become a laboratory where a crucial test is being made; the remedy will apply to similar situation all the world over where disputes arise between communities and nationalities and a new technique is needed for peaceful adjustment."

Gandhiji: "From London also, I have heard to the same effect. People are interested in what happens to us in Noakhali. I feel that my responsibility is great, that our work has to be true."

Dr. Chakravarty expressing gratification that Bengal should have been chosen for this great task, said: "You should have made this your centre is to us a supreme privilege, though people have suffered and are suffering beyond description. The whole of Bengal is conscious of your arrival and of the fact that you have come to live and work with the suffering men and women who need you so much at this hour."

Gandhiji replied: "For me, if this thing is pulled through, that will be the crowning act of my life. I had to come to the soil and to the people of East Bengal. The first person to whom I mentioned this was Jawaharlal. Without a moment's hesitation, he replied, 'Yes, your place is there. Although we need you so much here, we need you more in Noakhali.'

I asked him 'When?'

'As soon as you feel like it', he replied. In two days I started."

Plan For Rehabilitation

SRIRAMPUR (Noakhali), Dec. 11 (API): Messrs. Arabinda Bose, nephew of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose, and Kumud Bhattacharyya, Secretary of the Calcutta Corporation Employees' Association, met Mahatma Gandhi at his cottage on behalf of the Relief and Welfare Association, Bengal, and had a long discussion with him on their plan for rehabilitation. The plan envisages, (1) taking the refugees back to their villages; (2) if the villagers are afraid of staying at their homes, there will be a shelter house for a group of villagers where they will be accommodated during the night, while during day time they will be able to look after their property; (3) workers of the Association will stay with them and render them any help they may require in the form of ration, clothing or cash money; (4) villagers will be encouraged to harvest their own paddy, while their womenfolk will be trained in some cottage industry whereby they could have some additional earnings; (5) arrangements for schooling of boys and girls and facilities for sports; and (6) to each shelter house or a group of villages will be attached a unit of the relief welfare ambulance corps for rendering medical aid if and when necessary.

Messrs. Bose and Bhattacharyya will now place their scheme before the Relief Co-ordination Commissioner, Mr. A. S. Larkin.

Women Narrate Their Sad Tales

SHRIRAMPUR, Dec. 12 (U.P.I.). "Believe in Him. Pray and fear Him alone and none else in this world", said Mahatma Gandhi pointing his hands up towards the sky when a party of women with tears in their eyes, asked him what they should do and how they could go and live in their village when they thought their lives and property were unsafe and insecure.

They met Gandhiji on Tuesday evening in a corner of a paddy field where Gandhiji was having his evening-walk, and narrated to him their sad tales and presented the conditions in which they were now living.

Gandhiji added that since his arrival in Noakhali he had been telling them all to be fearless. If they acted accordingly and were fearless in all their work, they could live in peace and goodwill.

Sucheta Kripalani For Noakhali

NEW DELHI, Dec. 12 (U.P.I.): Mrs. Sucheta Kripalani is leaving for Calcutta tomorrow by air 'en route' to Noakhali. She proposes to stay there for some time more in order to carry on the work of rehabilitation of persons who left their hearths and homes after the recent disturbances.

Mrs. Sucheta Kripalani, in an interview with the U. P. I. representative said that people in those areas no doubt felt very much heartened by Gandhiji's presence in their midst. But she could discern a feeling of insecurity rankling in their hearts still. What was needed now, she said, was to get together a band of sincere workers, male and female, who were imbued with Gandhiji's ideals and who would be prepared to carry on work in those riot-affected areas along the lines chalked out by Gandhiji, for one year if that was needed. If that was done, Mrs. Sucheta Kripalani opined, although Gandhiji might come away after some time, the feeling of insecurity might gradually disappear and the programme of rehabilitation might be carried on successfully.

PORTERS & SWEEPERS AS CANDIDATES

SRINAGAR, Dec. 11. (A.P.I.): The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference to-day did an unheard of thing in election history. It put up coolies, tonga drivers, and sweepers as some of its candidates against wealthy independent persons.

The National Conference is contesting all the 33 seats—21 Muslim, 10 Hindus and 2 Sikh—and it has put up the largest number of candidates. The Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference is contesting 20 out of 21 Muslim seats.

Over 2000 candidates representing all local political parties filed their nomination papers to-day before the Returning Officers in different parts of Jammu and Kashmir for election to the 33 general seats in the State Assembly. Scrutiny of these nomination papers will be completed by December 23.

The Hindu Yuvak Sabha, the Kashmir Socialist Party, the Kisan Mazdoor Conference, the Sikh Panthic Board the Hindu Navjivan Singh, the Jamma and Kashmir States People's Conference, the Hindu Rajya Sabha and Gujar Conference are some of the other parties participating in the elections.

Emergency In Thana Renewed

BOMBAY, Dec. 12 (A.P.I.): The Government of Bombay have renewed the proclamation of Emergency in Thana District for a further period of one month from Dec. 14.

D. F. Karaka:

Off My Chest

While many boasted that they could do this and that to stop the communal tension, the rioting, the killing in the city, yesterday there reappeared in Bombay, the greatest enemy of communalism.

Communal shouts died down as the familiar race-card vendor appeared shouting: "Motee, Cole, Sporting Times, Wadhara..... Lakhpati."

No call for direct action was heard above the cries of these little boys who shouted the old familiar slogan.

Hindus and Muslims alike bought their two-anna book.

That too is India my friend.

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Ex-Premier of Burma, U. Saw, is shortly expected to arrive in Calcutta. Said the Bengali to him on his return. "If you saw what I saw in the streets of Calcutta, you'd prefer the devil you don't know to the devil you know....."

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Mr. Churchill, refreshed by a dinner at the expense of Jinnah, is so worried about how things are shaping in India that he has demanded and got two days for a debate on India.

Rumour says that Mr. Jinnah will applaud from the Distinguished Visitors' Gallery.

Democracy works like that. Even so it is worth putting up with. I mean democracy, of course.

Amendments To Objectives

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Mr. Shibbanlal Saksena, leftist from U.P., who opposes the vesting of residuary powers in the units and advocates a declaration that the power and authority of the State are derived from the working people.

Mr. Ram Narayan Singh asks for the addition of a clause to declare unlawful all formations or organisations of parties and cliques, open or secret, on the basis of any ideology, religion or otherwise, for election, administration or any other purpose.

Mr. C. E. Gibbon, Anglo-Indian Member from the Punjab demands freedom for propagation of religion.

Mr. Satyaranjan Bakshi wants the safeguarding of liberty of the person and immunity from arrest without warrant and detention without trial.

Mr. Vishwambhar Dayal Tripati, who sponsors more amendments than any other member, favours an explicit declaration that the Constituent Assembly is a sovereign constitution making body deriving power from the people. He asks that India be proclaimed as an independent Sovereign Socialist Republic, as against the Independent Sovereign Republic envisaged in the original resolution.

The hope was expressed tonight that many of the amendments tabled will not be pressed and some not moved.

Record Low Level Of Chinese Dollar

SHANGHAI Dec. 12, (Reuter): The value of Chinese National dollar has dropped to a new all time low level in Shanghai black market today as a result of persistent rumours of further early devaluation and unusually heavy demand from importers.

The rate opened at 5,230 Chinese dollars to one United States dollar and advanced steadily throughout the day to close at 5,650.

The current official rate of Chinese dollar is 3.350 to one United States dollar.

A figure between 6,000 and 6,500 Chinese National dollars has been mentioned as possible revised rate for the United States dollar.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, Dec. 12

The Calcutta Stock Exchange today ruled steady and unchanged. The volume of business was only moderate.

Ill Luck Dogs This Diamond.....

The famous Hope Diamond, which was stolen from India three centuries ago and which is priced at present at rupees eighty lakhs, has claimed one more victim! Read all about this amazing hoodoo in the next issue of the "Bombay Chronicle Weekly".

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PLEASING PICTURES THIS WEEK

Poignant Drama of Bronte Sisters – Sentimental Mother-love Story – Western Romance – Period Satire – Tale of A Little Boy

Below: Virginia Welles and John Lund in "To Each His Own". (Regal).

SHOW WORLD

Reviews By "SARDI"

Right: Signe Hasso and George Sanders in "A Scandal in Paris", at the New Empire.

Left: Paul Henreid and Ida Lupino in "Devotion", at the Strand.

Below: "Butch" Jenkins and Frances Gifford in "Little Mr. Jim" (Metro).

Strand

DEVOTION (WARNER BROS.)

Players: Ida Lupino, Olivia de Havilland, Nancy Coleman, Paul Henreid, Dame May Whitty.

Director: Curtis Bernhardt.

The story of the devotion of the three Bronte, sisters to their brother whom they considered a genius, but who was, actually, an indifferent artist at best and a bottle and drug addict, has been over-dramatised in the present film. The love of Emily and Charlotte for the same man, a curate who has been given a foreign upbringing, in the picture, to account for Paul Henreid's accent in the part, has also been romanticised. However, despite these biographical exaggerations and distortions, the photoplay attains a high standard of intellectual entertainment.

As Emily, the author of "Wuthering Heights", Ida Lupino gives a poignant performance bringing home, forcibly, the futility of her unrequited love for the curate who, in reality, adores Charlotte, the author of "Jane Eyre", but rather than hurt the sentiments of Emily, leaves the Yorkshire vicarage of Hawarth, where the family resides, and returns to his real love only after Emily's death. Olivia de Havilland plays Charlotte with ease and charm, while Paul Henreid is a perfect foil for her as her curate lover.

As Thackeray, who helped the Bronte sisters in their career, Sidney Greenstreet is superb. But the best performance by far, comes from Arthur Kennedy as Bromwell, the spoilt, useless, drink sodden brother.

A fine, wistful, even if over-sentimentalised drama, for lovers of good acting and admirers of the Brontes.

Regal

TO EACH HIS OWN (PARAMOUNT)

Players: Olivia de Havilland, John Lund, Roland Culver, Phillip Terry

Director: Mitchel Leisen.

Reminiscent of "East Lynne" is this story of Jody Norris left with an illegitimate son on the death of her flyer lover in World War I. The boy is adopted by a former admirer and his wife who refuses to let Jody act as nurse to him. Later, Jody, now a successful business woman, gains custody of her child by helping his foster parents out of a financial tangle, but returns him to them when she discovers his acute homesickness.

The picture attains an improbable and over-sentimentalised climax when, during World War II, an English nobleman admirer of Jody arranges for her grown-up son, a flyer with the American Air Corps in England, a special licence marriage with a Wren, complete with wedding cake, in a crypt attached to a night-club! In the young flyer's gratitude Jody obtains the reward of her unselfish mother love.

In the main role, Olivia de Havilland's performance is a finished one in every sense of the word. John Lund in the dual roles of her lover and, later, her grown-up son, displays a pleasantly rugged personality. It speaks much for Roland Culver that he succeeds in the improbable role of the nobleman.

For those who like an over-dose of sentiment in their film fare.

New Empire

A SCANDAL IN PARIS

Players: George Sanders, Signe Hasso, Carole Landis, Akim Tamiroff.

Director: Douglas Sirk.

Satire and sentiment form a strange blend in this photoplay set in nineteenth century France.

A polished crook, after committing a daring theft at the home of a Marquise, convinces her son, the Minister of Police, of his powers of crime detection by retracing his own deed in an objective manner and restoring, as though 'discovered', the stolen jewels, thus winning for himself the position of the Paris Chief of Police. In this capacity, he plans a daring bank robbery with the aid of an accomplice, but the love of the Marquise's granddaughter reforms him and he turns over a new leaf, this time on the side of the law.

George Sanders is perfectly at home in the role of the debonaire rogue and Signe Hasso is pleasing as the woman who reforms him. Akim Tamiroff seems rather wasted in the part of the accomplice.

Witty dialogue enlivens the photoplay whose risque theme is of doubtful morality, and certainly not meant to be taken seriously despite the doses of sentiment innoculated into it.

For enthusiasts of satire dressed in the frills of a former age.

Excelsior

BAD MAN'S TERRITORY (R.K.O. RADIO)

Players: Randolph Scott, Ann Richards, George Hayes.

Director: Tim Whelan.

Here is a real blood and thunder film which brings together Jesse and Frank James and the Dalton brothers —bandits all.

Randolph Scott enacts the role of a Texas Sheriff who lays aside office to go in quest of his reckless young brother. His efforts bring to book the outlaws and the cattlemen who have hitherto been thriving on the lack of federal supervision of the state.

Colourful incidents from the history of American banditry, such as the Coffey ville raid of the Daltons, cover a wide canvas.

In addition to Scott, the cast contains Lawrence Tierney, Ray Collins, James Warren and Tom Tyler.

For admirers of Western melodrama.

Eros

THE TIME OF THEIR LIVES (Universal).

Players: Bud Abbott and Lou Costello.

A slap-stick comedy wherein Abbott and Costello appear as the 'spooks' of persons shot down during the American war of independence. Along with a female ghost, they came back to earth to clear their names of the dishonour that clings to them. Achieving this, they return to the land of rest.

Marjorie Reynolds, Binnie Barnes and Gale Sondergaard are the female members of the cast.

Those who find amusement in the antics of the famous pair and in incredible situations will enjoy this picture.

Metro

LITTLE MISTER JIM (M.G.M.)

Players: James Craig, Butch Jenks, Frances Gifford.

A touching little story of the relations between a youngster and his father who turns to drink after the death of his wife in child-birth, is narrated in this film. The link between the two is provided by Sui Jen, a Chinese house servant, who undertakes the un-bringing of the neglected son and eventually brings about his master's reconciliation with his offspring.

James Craig gives a capable performance as the father, though one cannot help feeling that this fine actor deserves better roles than playing as a prop to Butch Jenkins. In the supporting cast is to be found the name of the once-famous Laura La plante.

A fine little picture for the whole family.

RETURN FILMS

PALACE (Byculla): "The Dolly Sisters"—Betty Grable, John Payne.
AURORA (Matunga): "Little Giant" —Abbott and Costello.
RIVOLI: "The Mark of Zorro"—Tyrone Podwer, Linda Darnell.

SUNDAY MORNING SHOWS

REGAL: "The Story of Dr. Wassell"—Gary Cooper, Loraine Day.
METRO:—"The Great Waltz"—Luise Rainer, Fernand Gravet, Mitza Korjus.

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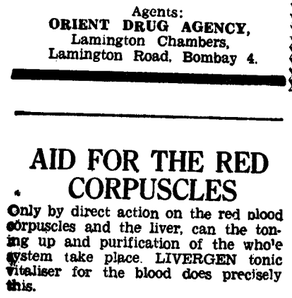

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DOCTORS EXEMPT FROM SALES TAX

Mr. Chamanlal Mehta, Hon. Secretary of the Bombay Provincial Branch, Indian Medical Association, Bombay, writes:

"Through the efforts of the Bombay Provincial Branch of the Indian Medical Association, the Finance Department, Government of Bombay has issued a Press Note declaring that "Doctors, by virtue of their dispensing medicines, cannot be said to carry on the 'business' of selling or supplying goods and consequently to be 'Dealers' within the meaning of Section 2(c) of the Bombay Sales Tax Act 1946.

Thus the Bombay Sales Tax Act 1946 is not applicable to the members of the Medical profession. It means that the doctors are not to register themselves as 'dealers', make bills specifying the amount of Sales Tax charge, keep accounts and submit returns as required by the Act.

It does not, however, mean that a doctor is exempted from being charged Sales Tax on his purchases of Drugs, Dressings etc. His exemption in effect comes to his being considered as a mere consumer.

Those doctors who might have registered themselves in spite of our warnings may please withdraw their applications and claim refund of any fees paid.

The Provincial Council of the Bombay Prov. Branch has passed the following Resolution which is commended to attention of the Medical Profession:—

"That in view of the noble tradition of the Medical profession, the Bombay Prov. Council, I.M.A. recommends the members of the Medical profession and particularly the Members of the I.M.A. should not recover from their patients the Sales Tax paid by them on their purchases of Drugs, Dressings etc.

So far Quinine is the only drug exempted but efforts are being made to get other import drugs of common use exempted."

U. Saw To Visit Calcutta

CALCUTTA, Dec. 11 (A.P.I.): U. Saw, ex-Premier of Burma and at present Member of the Government of Burma, is expected to arrive in Calcutta shortly for medical treatment.

As a gesture of courtesy to a friendly neighbouring state, the Government of Bengal have, it is learnt, ordered reservation of a cabin for U. Saw in the eye hospital of the Calcutta Medical College, free of all charges.

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Sharp Recovery In Shares After Early Drop

SILVER AND GOLD PRICES LOOK UP ON GOOD DEMAND

Narrow Movement In Cotton Market

BOMBAY, December 12.

The Bombay Stock Exchange opened quiet and declined on tired long liquidation but later partially recovered under scattered short covering. The increase of about eleven crores in note circulation failed to attract any buying. This shows that investors have no inclination to enter the market. Moreover one finds steady liquidation of bank shares which goes to point out that some are inclined to cash investments with a view to take advantage when the market reaches bottom.

Tata Steel Dfd. Shares opened at Rs. 2745/- and declined at Rs. 2727/- but rallied at Rs. 2745/- Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 497/- and after declining at 495/- steadied at Rs. 496/- Bombay Dyeing Shares opened at Rs. 2620/- and improved at Rs. 2625/- but steadily declined at Rs. 2605/- At this level there was modest support and Dyeings steadied at Rs. 2622. Kohinoors opened at Rs 865/- and after declining at Rs. 858/- rallied at Rs 866/-

Towards the close the market was very steady and Tata Steel Dids were quoted at Rs. 2760/- Ordinary Shares stood at Rs. 501/- Bombay Dyeings recovered at Rs. 2635/- while Kohinoors were quoted at Rs. 875/-. Closing tone was steady.

COTTON MILLS

Bombay Dyeing 2630 Century 1105 Nagpur 410 Swadeshi 704 New Great 556 Simplex 417/8 Kohinoor 875 Colaba 498 Gokak 361 Phoenix 1185 Mysore 330 Indian Bleaching 197 Swan 436 Finlay 375 Morarji 825 Indore 762/8.

STEEL.

Tata Steel Deferred (129/8/9) X D 2767/8.

Tata Steel Ord. 501.

ELECTRIC SHARES.

Tata Hydro 208 Andhra Valley 1855.

Tata Power 1942/8 Tram 124/8.

CEMENT

Asso. Merger 230.

INDUSTRIES

Burma 677/8 Alcock 580 Belapur 349 Shivrajpur 48/8 Steamer (Ord.) 732/8 Scindia 46/8 Premier Construction 295.

CASH SHARES (TEXTILE.)

Apollo 5/1/8 Elphinstone 99 India United (Ord.) 19/15 India United (Defd.) 4-4/6 India Manufacturing 4550 Kooria 346/4 Khatau 378/12 Dawn 1450 David 197/8 New City X. R. 258/12 Minerva 268/12 Bradbury 687/8 Bharucha (Defd.) 8/6 Bharat 64 Madhavji 24/12 Model 270 Laxmi 1930 Vishnu 667/8 Western 4800 Standard 600 Sholapur 8200 Sassoon Cotton 25/12 Hindustan 4900 Meyer 257/8 Edward 710 Tata 120 Ahmedabad Advance 530 Sassoon Silk 109 New Union 27/4 Poddar 377/8 Madhusudan 515 Madhusudan B 110. Srinivas 520. Rata Bahadur 140 Berar 500 Victoria 425

ELECTRIC SHARES (CASH).

Ahmedabad 187/8 (New) 120 Surat (Old) 258/12 New Pre. 211/4 Karachi 240 Broach 13 Ajmer 15/2 Amalgamated 20/12 Jaigaon 14/12 Nagpur 58, Poona 260. Bombay Suburban 240 Bombay Suburban (New) 160

BANK SHARES

Reserve 150/8 Imperial 2675 P. P. 657/8 Central 117 Indian 231 Union 14 Baroda 180 Habib 198 International 45 A. B. C. 40 Dena Bank 70 United Commercial 118/8 Jaipur 80 Bikaner 33 Hindustan Com. 61 National Savings (fully paid) 82 (Partly paid) 54/8. Mysore 505. Exchange (Ord.) X R 72 Eastern 106 Bombay Provincial 52

INSURANCE

Oriental 7200 Empire 1075 New India 99/12 Jupiter 44 Vulcan 18/12 Indian Mercantile 70 Universal Fire 20 Vasant 26/4 British India General 28/8 Industrial Prudential 61/12 Neptune 13/6 New Great 43 All India General 49

RAILWAYS.

Ahmedabad Pramij 680 C. P. 109 Pachora 95 Mandra Bhon 113

MISCELLANEOUS

Burma New 244/6 Burma Petrol 8/1/9 Tata Oil X. R. 98/8 Mackenzie 197/8 Port Canning 105 Kemp 550 Kandu Pharmacy 202 Indian Radio (Ord) 377/4 Indian Radio B 375 Indian Radio 375 Indian Investment Trust 126/8 Wimco 490 Tata Chemical 17/8 Dharamsey Chemical 43/8 Mukund Iron 15/10 Dena Trust 25 Alembic 397/8 Supreme India 228. (New) 180. Jamwire 141/8 Bombay Uganda 85 Bombay Motor Cycle 43/8 India Cement 42. Walchand Nagar Industries X D 457/8 United Motor 66 A. C. C. New 110 Baroda Glass 10/14.

PREFERENCE SHARES.

Tata Steel (1st Pref.) 255 Tata Steel (2nd Pref.) 180 Tram 56/8 Andhra Valley 1550 Tata Power 1597/8 Hydro 147/8 Bombay Steamer 352/8 Nagpur 787/8 Swadeshi 165 Vishnu 805 Laxmi 312/8 New Great 268/12 Poddar 116 Shrinivas 101 Elphinstone 132/8 Bradbury 570. Surat Elec 211/4. Premier Construction (1st Pref.) 153/12 (2nd Pref.) 137 Amalgamated 155/4 Habib 72 Tata Chemical 143 Walchand Nagar Industries 250, Jupiter 19/12 Supreme 120 Baroda Glass 11/12.

OUTSIDE SHARES

Indian Iron Steel 46/12 Bengal Steel 38/12 Indian Copper 4/12 B. I. C. 11/6 Burma Corporation 5/15/6 New Victoria 8/8 New Victoria Preference 9/4 Raja Preference 53 Phalton 152 Gold Mohor 450 New Kaiser Hind 510 Sajjan Mill 400 Osmanshahi 430 Ajamshahi 435 Air Service X R 22 Birla Motor 11 Marshal 11.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

BOMBAY, Dec. 12

Tata Ordinary 501 Tata Deferred 2767/8 Indian Iron 46/12 Steel Corpn. of Bengal 38/12 Bombay Dyeing 2630 Central India 410 Century 1105 Gokak 321/4 Kolinoor 875 Simplex 417/8 Andhra Valley 1852/8 Tata Hydro 208/2 Tata Power 1942/8 Associated Cement 230 Belapur 348/12 Bombay Burma (Old) 677/8

RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES

BOMBAY, Dec. 12.

TEXTILES

Apollo 5/1 5/0/6 5/1/6
Bharat 65/8 64
Bharucha Defd. 8/6 8/8 8/6
B. Dyeing 2630 20 35 10 30 23/12 35 30
C. India 408 6 9/8 9 10
Century 1105
B. Textiles 701/4 12/8 10
Elphinstone Ord. 99
Finlay 373 71 72 65 75 73 75
Gokak 359 60 59 60 56 63 60 61
I. U. Defd. 4/4 4/6 4/3/6 4/5 4/4/6
I. U. Ord. 19/19 19/13 19/8 20/0/6 19/15
Indore 750 55 51/4 62/8
Kohinoor 868 69 63 69 56 66 64 69 67 79 74 75
Madhowji 24
Meyer 257/8 58/12 53/12 57/8
Model 267/8 65 70
Morarji 825
New City 260 58/12
New Great 548 54 48 60 56
Podar Ord. 377/8
Simplex 416 15 15/8 8 12/8 12 19 17/8 19 17 18 17/8
Swadeshi 701 2 694 99 96 760 698 705 3 4 3 4
Swan 430 36
Tata Mills 119/4 18/4 18/12 19/4 20
Vishnu 667/8

BANKS

Baroda 182 80
Central 115/8 17 15/8 17
Imperial Old 2680 75
Imperial New 657/8
India 232 28/8 31
Reserve 151 49 50/8
Union 14
U. Commercial 108 10

ELECTRIC COS.

Ahmedabad 187/8 90 87/8
Andhra Valley Pref. 1550
B. Tram Ord. 124 25 23/8 24/8
B. Tram Pref. 56/8 57/8 56/8
Hydro 207 8
Hydro Pref. 150 47/8
Power 1945 47 8 40 45 40 42/8
Power Pref. 1597/8

INSURANCE COS.

New India 99/12 102 99/12

STEAMER

B. Steam 730 32/8
Scindia 45/8 46 45/14 46/14 46/8

STEEL COS.

B. Steel 38/14 38 38/12
I. Iron 46/14 46/12 46/10 46 46/14 46/12
Tata Defd. 2745 40 52/8 40 45 37/8 42/8 22/8 40 31/4 43/12 35 47/8 45 75 60 65 67/8 60 55 62/8 60 67/8
Tata Ord. 497 98 94 502/8 500 2 500 1
Tata Hind Pref. 181 80

MISCELLANEOUS COS.

Alcock 580 82/8 80
A. C. C. 229 28/4 29 28 30 29/8 30 29/8 30
Belapur 348 49 46 47 45 49
B. B. Old 665 60 68/12 66/4 73/12 70 83/12 77/8
B. B. Petrol 5/1/9 5/2 5/1/9
I. Bleaching 195 92 97
P. Construction 292 90 92 85 96 95 96 95
P. Construction IInd Pref. 137
Shivrajpur 48/8
Tata Chemical 17/8 17/2 17/10 17/8
Tata Oil 99 97 98/8
Wimco 477/8 90

SPECIAL MILLS

Dawn Mills 1450
Indian Mfg. 4550
A. C. C. New 108 10

GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY, December 12.

The Bullion Market was fairly firm on active demand which resulted in further improvement in Silver prices. As pointed out before there continues very good demand for actual Silver from upcountry which is estimated at 300 to 500 bars every day. Thus the improvement in the offtake is inducing better demand in forward market.

Posh Silver opened today at Rs. 133/12 and advanced at Rs. 135/- and steadied at Rs. 134/14. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 142/8. Gold remains neglected with a restricted business. Posh Gold opened at Rs. 94/2 and improved at Rs. 94/4 but quietened at Rs. 93/13 on moderate realising and thereafter steadied at Rs. 94/1. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 100/4 and Sovereigns were placed at Rs 65/8.

There was further buying in the Bullion Market which firmed up Gold at Rs. 95/4 and Silver at Rs. 135/12

The market finally closed as under:

Ready Gold	100	8	0
Posh Delivery	95	2	0
Ready Silver	142	8	0
Posh Delivery	135	10	0

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, December 12.

The local Cotton Market was quietly steady today with a restricted turnover. Bulls believe that the Government announcement raising ceiling price by Rs. 80/- will be issued on Saturday. However Bears take no serious view of such gups and show no inclination to cover.

January delivery opened today at Rs. 467/8 and improved at Rs. 468/8 under scattered buying and steadied at Rs. 468/4.

The market ruled quiet and January was quoted at Rs. 467/8.

The market finally closed at 4-30 p.m. as under:

I C C Jan.	468	4	0
I C C March	479	4	0
I C C May	488	4	0
I C C July	498	4	0
I C C Sept.	505	4	0

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton January contract is 1366 cent points below New Yory January at Exchange rate 331.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

BOMBAY, Dec. 11.

	Highest	Lowest	Closing
Jan.	469	466-1/4	467
March	480	477-1/2	477-3/4
May	489	486-1/2	486-3/4
May	489	486-1/2	486-3/4
Sept.	506	503-1/2	504
Karachi 4F Jan	50/7/3	50/4/0	50/5/0

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, December 12.

The produce market was irregular with speculative buying in Castorseeds while Groundnuts declined on increased arrivals in upcountry and utter absence from local mills.

The market expects early announcement of control prices and the market was very quiet. Groundnuts Bold were quoted at Rs. 21/- while Coromondal were offered at Rs. 21/8 but there was no demand.

Castorseeds May opened at Rs. 113/- and improved at Rs. 113/12 but declined at Rs. 112/14 under profit taking but rallied at Rs. 113/4.

Quotations were as under:—

GROUNDNUTS:—			
December January	Rs.	20	12 0
January March		20	8 0
Khandesh Ready		122	0 0
LINSEED:—			
Ready		25	8 0
February March		23	0 0
TILSEEDS:—			
Ready		38	10 0
December January		34	4 0
CASTORSEEDS:—			
December February Navlakhi		24	0 0
Goa Delivery		25	4 0
Bombay Delivery		24	12 0
May Delivery		112	12 0
GROUNDNUTS OIL:—			
Bombay Mills		16	0 0
Up-country Mills		16	0 0
January Delivery		13	12 0
Linseed Oil		18	4 0
Castorseed Oil		15	12 0

CALICUT MARKET

CALICUT, Dec. 12

Coiryarn Beypore 175/185 Gullandy 195/205 Fibre Garbled 180 Ungarbled 170 Cocoanuts Raw 185 Dry 205 Cocoanut Oil 685 Copra Office 440 Dilpasand 500 Madrasnottam 550 Goodgooda 500 Pepper Wynaad 616 Country 605 Dryginger Chernad 380 Ernad 375 Coffee Robusta 83 Timber Pali 52/55 Junglewood 30 Vellapine 43 Benteak 52 Teak 95/100 Mango 4/4 Teak 15 Rosewood 15.

Worth Street Trading Quiet

NEW YORK, Dec. 11. (U.P.A.): Trading was quiet during to-day's session of the Worth Street Cotton Cloth Market.

Traders reported that continuation of the quiet conditions evidenced over the past week asserted themselves with mills generally well sold ahead into the first quarter. They said that the pre-holiday feeling appeared to be developing at an earlier date than usual this year.

Several leading houses announced suspension of business on Monday and Tuesday before Christmas.

REOPENING OF BOMBAY BULLION MARKET TO PREVENT PRICE FLUCTUATIONS IN SILVER

MEXICO CITY, December 11. (U.P.A.): Metal experts here said today that the official reopening of forward deliveries in gold and silver from the Bombay Bullion Exchange may to help prevent price fluctuations in India and end black market activities.

These quarters added that it should also influence prices in other markets because Bombay, in ordinary times handled the metal demand which was more or less decisive in fixing prices on the London silver market. They further opined that if Bombay should return to its old position as a major absorber of silver offerings on the world market and if the demand for silver in the United States continues, it would provide a good basis to strengthen the world position of silver.

Mexican gold, in the form of fifty peso "centenerios" are being shipped regularly to Europe, India and the Far East. Current official export figures are not available, but Treasury Ministry sources said that shipments as high as one million dollars worth were daily leaving Mexico.

LONDON BULLION

LONDON, Dec. 11.

London Silver Spot and Forward	55-1/2
London Gold bars fine per oz.	£8/12/3

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 12.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 Ready.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 31/32 Ready.

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/32 to 9th Months.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Months.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/16 to 4th Months.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Months.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/8 7th-9th Months.

London Banks Buying 90 d/st. 1/6 5/32 to 4th Months.

London Banks Buying 90 d/st. 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th Months.

London Banks Buying 90 d/st. 1/6 7/32 7th-9th Months

New York B. C. Rate T. T. Rs 332-1/2.

New York Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 332-1/2.

New York Banks Buying T. T. Rs. 329-3/4

New York Banks Buying D. D. Rs 328-3/4 under L/C

New York Banks Buying D. D Rs. 328-1/2 not under L/C.

Montreal Banks Selling T T. D. D Rs. 333.

Montreal Banks Buying T. T. Rs. 329-1/4

Montreal Banks Buying D. D Rs. 328-1/4

Paris Banks Selling T.T.Fcs.3550

Paris Bank Buying T. T Fcs 3650

Amsterdam Banks Selling T. T. D D Fl 79

Java Banks Selling I. I. D D —

Hongkong Banks Selling T T. D. D. Rs. 84

Singapore Banks Selling T T. D. D. Rs. 157-1/4.

New York/London Cross Rate dol. 4.03 3/8-4.03 1/2.

London/Hongkong Cross Rate dol. 1/2 13/16-1/3 3/32.

London/Singapore Cross Rate dol. 2/3 15/16-2/4 5/32.

London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs. 479.70-480.30.

London/Belgium Cross Rate Fcs. 176 1/2-3/4

London/Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs. 17.34-36.

London/Stookholm Cross Rate Kr. 14.47-50.

London/Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 19.32-36.

London/New York Cross Rate dol. 4.02 1/2-4.03 1/2.

London/Montreal Cross Rate dol. 4.02-4.04.

London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl. 10.68-70

London/Java Cross Rate Fl. 10-68-70

London/Bangkok Cross Rate Tcl. 40

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Dull.

Gold London £8-12-3.

Gold New York dol 35.

Silver London £55-1/2.

Silver New York dol 90-1/8.

London Discts. 3 Months 17/32 p.c.

London Discts. 6 Months 9/16-5/8 p.c.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 p.c. Bank of England Rate 2 p.c.

1/2 p.c, 6 Months 3/4 p.c, 12 Months 1 1/4 p.c.

Money:—Call 1/4 p.c, 3 Months

Tone:—Easier

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA.

Statement of the Affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 6th December, 1946:—

LIABILITIES.

	Rs.
CAPITAL:—	5,62,50,000
Reserve Fund	6,12,50,000
Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank, Current and other Accounts	262,98,03,000
Sundries	1,60,67,000
Total Rs.	276,33,70,000

ASSETS.

	Rs.
INVESTMENTS:—	
Government Securities	149,34,39,000
Other Authorised Investments	10,63,18,000
ADVANCES:—	
Loans	32,49,94,000
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	40,03,34,000
Bills Discounted and Purchased	6,37,94,000
Dead Stock	1,56,97,000
Sundries	1,62,26,000
CASH:—	
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India	31,80,73,000
Balances with other Banks	2,44,95,000
Total Rs.	276,33,70,000

CHICAGO WHEAT STRONG

CHICAGO, Dec. 11 (U.P.A.): Wheat prices strengthened at the close of today's session of the Chicago Commodity Exchange under aggressive mill buying against export flour sales and covering by speculators anticipating early Government announcement of export allocations for the first quarter of next year.

CHICAGO WHEAT

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.

January	2.12-2/3 1/2.13
March	2.04 to 2.04
May	1.94-1/4 to 1.94-3/8
July	1.79-1/2 to 1.79-1/2

LONDON WHEAT

LONDON, Dec. 11.

Australian Wheat (Bulk)	37
Dec/Jan.	quoted

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON. Dec. 11.

	£
Consols 2-1/2 p.c	98-3/16
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p.c 1961	115
War Loan 3-1/2 p.c 1952 and further	107-7/8
Funding Loan 4 p.c 1960/90	121-1/4
Victory Bonds 4 p.c.	123-3/4
Chartered Bank of I. A. and China	11-1/8
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank	85
London Reg.	
National Bank of India	36-1/2

Sharp Rise On N. Y. Cotton Exchange

MILLS, MERCHANTS & SHIPPERS BUYING

NEW YORK, Dec. 11, (U.P.A.): More active trading and strong prices featured today's session of the New York Cotton Exchange. Prices rose to the highest levels since November 4th. The market was dominated by reports that France had bought 70,000 bales of raw cotton for nearby shipment based on New York March futures. The rise was further on short covering for December before the position expires at noon on Friday. The tight statistical position was re-asserting itself because of expanding export inquiries and anticipation of capacity operations in domestic textile mills through the first quarter of next year. Aggressive shipper buying against export sales revealed scarcity of hedge offering despite the previous belief that considerable Southern offerings were overhanging beyond the 31-1/2 cent level

The market opened 20 higher to one lower. After the opening, prices edged upward with little interruption, attaining the highest levels at the close when the list was up 50 to 78 points. December went through the 32-cent level while March touched 31-3/4 cents, or a cumulative rise of around dol 25 per bale from the low level established on November 7th.

STATISTICAL POSITION

Considerable intermonth switching featured today's trading on the upswing. The belief that the statistical position will remain tight well into the third quarter of next season influenced covering of recent sellers in forward deliveries. Wide discounts on deferreds also gave spur to a reinstatement of speculative positions in that department.

Brokers reported that actually the market was firm to strong with mills, merchants and shippers shopping around constantly for desirable grades. They said that the sudden end of the coal strike assures broadening mill demandd and brokers are anticipating competitive bidding for limited supplies in the immediate future.

Meanwhile, interior points in the Southern producing regions reported a noticeable increase among late ginners to hold for higher prices. Estimates on the amount of cotton being withheld by growers and small merchants as well as ginners vary between one million and two million bales. With the smallest crop in 25 years in prospect, the effect of the holding movement is "obvious." Withholdings, moreover, are reported to be well financed and growers have set a price goal somewhere between 35 and 39 cents per pound or almost up to the peak attained just before the October break.

Factors likely to affect the new crop are coming more and more to the background in market discussions. It was noted that fertilizer sales in November totalled nearly 530,000 tons, which marks a 15 percent rise in the amount sold in November last year, but below the November 1944 sales record of 536,000 tons.

Mr. Oscar Johnston, President of the National Cotton Council, today urged farmers to cut production costs for raw cotton through mechanization and co-operation. Johnston said that with strong competition from synthetics, rayon and paper products and foreign cotton, the American planter must reduce costs in October to realize a fair profit while continuing to sell at competitive prices.

Further upturns are likely to meet technical realizing and increased hedge offerings but longs are still confident for eventually higher prices and are recommending accumulations against any downturns.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.

December	32.00+60
January	31.72+60
March	31.75+64
March Highest	31.75+64
March Lowest	31.23+02
May	31.23+57
July	30.17+73
October	27.20+76
December	26.73+78
Middling Spot	32.55+58

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

December	32.10+62
March	31.75+61
May	31.24+53
July	30.00+62
October	27.06+62
Middling Spot	1.95+50

WALL STREET MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.

	Dol.
American Telephone and Telegraph	168-1/8
Amerex Holding Co.	33
Anaconda Copper Mining	40-1/8
Chase National Bank	38
Sinclair Oil	15-7/8
Firestone Tyre Co.	56-1/2
General Electric Co.	37-1/2
General Motors	53-7/8
Ingersol Rand	125-3/4
International Nickel	33-1/4
National City Bank of New York	43
New York Central Rail Road Co.	19
Socony Vacuum Corporation	14-1/2
Texas Corporation	59-5/8
Union Carbon and Carbide	94
U. S. Smelting Refining Mining Co.	45
U. S. Steel Corporation Common	73-1/4
Western Union Telegraph	20

Ten Cents Per Hour Wage Increase In New England Mills

BOSTON, Dec. 11. (U.P.A.): The President of the C.I.O. Textile Workers Union in America, Emil Rieve, to-day announced a ten cents per hour wage increase effective January 6th, affecting 90,000 textile workers in New England and Mid-Atlantic States. This increase involves a total of nineteen million dollars per hour. The increase makes a minimum of 83 cents per hour and an average of 102 cents.

Reason For Current Offering Of Silver

NEW YORK, Dec. 11, (UPA). The need for U. S. dollars is the basic reason for the currently unusually heavy offerings of silver, including that from Spain, Russia, India, China, the near East and London to the United States market, leading bullion authorities said today.

These quarters further indicated that most of the offerings are for future delivery and most will have to be refined again to meet American bar silver standards.

One banking informant told the United Press today that the "consumption of silver in the United States and elsewhere has reached the peace-time peak but foreign offerings currently amount to more than U.S. consumers can handle. Apparently everybody abroad has decided simultaneously that the sale of silver is the best way to get badly needed dollars. At least many of these offers could get higher prices for silver elsewhere but could not get dollars elsewhere."

Opined that America's 50 per cent tax on silver profits would slow down foreign offerings. Whenever an American citizen participates in such a deal, he must guarantee payment of this tax.

The paper further said that it is understood that five million ounces of Russian silver were offered in the United States market on Tuesday. The drop in price was largely due to this offer plus offerings from China plus the weakness in the Bombay market in the past few weeks.

Dealers contacted by the United Press of America said that they knew of no current specific silver offerings from India.

Trusteeship Committee Accepts Draft Agreements

India, Chile And Russia Vote Against

LAKE SUCCESS, (New York Dec. 12. (Reuter): After weeks of debate involving nearly 50 meetings, the Trusteeship Committee yesterday finally accepted by an overwhelming vote of 35 against 8 all the eight draft trusteeship agreements submitted by the mandatory powers. India and Chile voted with the Soviet Group against the acceptance of agreements in their present form.

The overwhelming support for the acceptance of the draft agreements makes it certain, in the opinion of experts that the Trusteeship Council—only one of the main organs of the United Nations still missing—will come into existence with this session.

In the final discussion under the able chairmanship of Dr. Roberto Mceachen (Uruguay), the mandatory powers expressed their views why they could not accept the three amendments—two from the Soviet Union and one from India.

These were firstly, that the territories should not be treated as an "integral part" of a sovereign state; Secondly that a ten year limit to be placed on the agreements; thirdly, that the trusteeship territories should not be expected to pay for the property of the mandatory power established there.

Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon (India) summed up the opposition when he declared that, in his opinion, the draft agreements were contrary to the United Nations Charter. He said that any agreement which allowed the mandatory powers to build military bases in the trusteeship territories was an infringement of the charter and merely served to make the territories "blockhouses on the road of empire". "These agreements change nothing. These people remain under the same old colonial system", he declared.

FOREIGN MINISTERS AGREE ON AGENDA FOR GERMAN TALKS

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (Reuter): The Council of Foreign Ministers last night agreed on the full agenda for the German talks in Moscow. At what was expected to be its penultimate meeting the Council agreed firstly, on the text of the Moscow agenda; secondly, on the special deputies to be appointed to prepare German questions; thirdly on special deputies to be appointed for Austria who will proceed with the preparation of the Austrian Peace Treaty for presentation to the Ministers in Moscow. fourthly, that the Headquarters of both the German and the Austrian deputies shall be in London where they will both assemble on January 14.

The council of Foreign Ministers will meet today and is expected to finish its work either today or tomorrow.

NEW YORK SEED QUOTATIONS

NEW YORK, Dec. 11 (U.P.A.): The following were closing prices of seeds in the New York Market today:

White papper—50 to 61 cents per pound.

Black pepper—50 to 65 cents per pound.

Linseed oil—34.8 to 35.00 cents per pound.

Castorseed—250 to 285 dollars per long ton.

Cottonseed—85 to 100 dollars per ton.

Flaxseed—$7.50 per bushel.

Peanuts—18-1/2 cents to 19 cents per pound.

Despite expected heavier arrivals of back pepper from the Orient, dealers believed that the supplies had been contracted for, hence warehouse accumulations will indefinitely be postponed.

DISPOSALS

The Regional Commissioner Disposals, Southern Circle, Bombay invites tenders on a "Rate" contract basis for 3 months at present commencing from January 1947 for the purchase and removal of the following unserviceable goods from the Salvage Depots at Trimulgherry, Aurangabad, Secunderabad, Ghorpuri, Poona, Nasik and Haji Bunder Depot, Bombay.

STORES	UNIT
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Cotton Rezais	" "
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Blankets	per ton

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Superscribed Reference: Tender No. RCS/Misc/89/X

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Offers: Should be sent to this office in double covers, the inner being sealed and superscribed tender No. RCS/Misc/89/X.

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The Regional Commissioner Disposals also invites tenders for the purchase and removal of the following stores:—

SEARCHLIGHTS

These are lying at H. M. I. Dockyard, Bombay.

Superscribed Reference: Tender No. RCS/8116/ECS-23

Offers should be sent to this office and should remain open for acceptance up to 23rd January, 1947.

Tender forms giving full particulars of stores etc. can be obtained from this office on payment of Rs. 5/- per set.

All further details regarding the above can be secured from this office.

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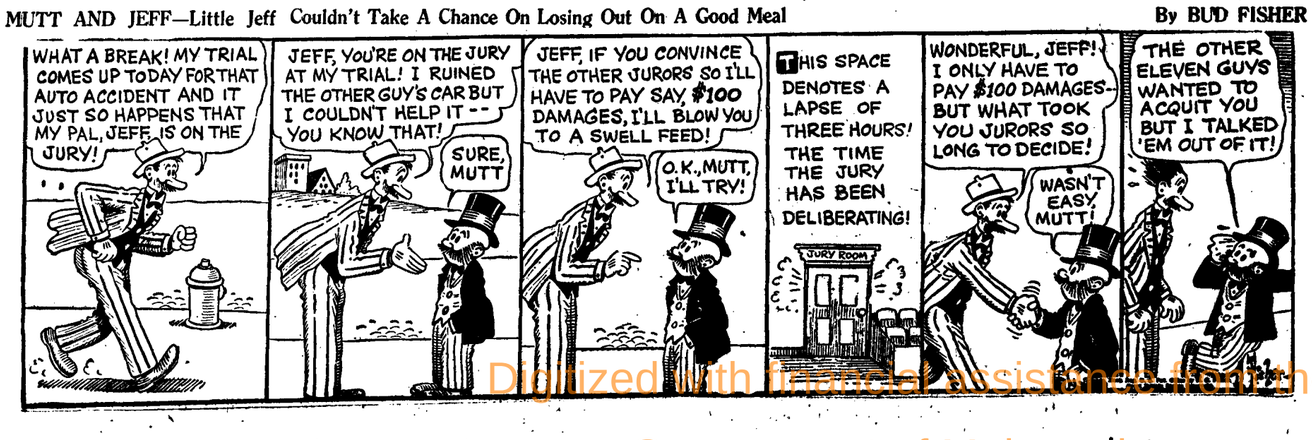
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NOTICE TO COMMON JURORS

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A. A. JASDENVALA,
Sheriff of Bombay.
Bombay, 12th December, 1946.
1026

G. I. P. RAILWAY—TENDERS

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Apply for particulars and application forms to the undersigned before 20th December, 1946. Applications should reach not later than 31st December 1946.

D. F. KAPADIA,
Offg. Principal & Secretary.
10-12-46.
1013

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Share Certificates Nos. 00114; 00115 and 00395 for 26 Shares Nos. 11987 to 12012 of the VULCAN INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, standing in the name of Fatmabai Akbarally Mahomedally has been mislaid or lost. Any claim in respect of the above Shares should be notified to the above Company at the Registered Office, Fort, BOMBAY, within 15 days from the date hereof; otherwise duplicate Share Certificates will be issued.

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Bombay, 13-12-46.
4237

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE.

COTTON TEXTILES FUND COMMITTEE.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the post of Accounts Officer under the Cotton Textiles Fund Committee in the grade of Rs. 350-35/2-650 per mensem. The candidate should possess a degree in commerce of a recognised university and must have at least five years' practical experience in audit, accounts, and preparation of budget estimates. He should not be more than 40 years of age. Preference will be given to those who have passed the Subordinate Accounts Service Examination of the Government of India.

Applications on prescribed forms, obtainable on request from the Secretary, Cotton Textiles Fund Committee, Hararwala Building, Third Floor, Wittet Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay, should reach him not later than the 10th January, 1947.
1012

NOTICE FOR SALE.

SEALED OFFERS are invited for the Sale of Three Lancashire Boilers and Four Pumping Engines in working order to be disposed off at Dudheshwar Water Works so as to reach the Chief Officer, Ahmedabad Municipality, on or before the 24th January 1947 at 4-0 p.m.

Copy of the Specification can be had from the office of the undersigned on payment of Rs. 5|-.

(Sd.) C. R. DESAI,
Municipal Engineer,
Ahmedabad Municipality.
Dated 10th December 1946.
(1018)

NOTICE.

IT IS NOTIFIED for the information of all concerned that I have applied for naturalisation as a British subject under the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1914, and that my application is at present under the consideration of the Government of India. Any person who has any objection to such naturalisation may send his representation to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, New Delhi.

Name: WOLF B. ZYLBERSZTAJN
Present Nationality: POLISH.
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(1016)

NOTICE.

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(1015)

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

Summary Suit No. 1444 of 1946.

Messrs. HARJIVANDAS & CO. a Registered firm formerly carrying on business at 111, Pydhonie, without the Fort of Bombay ..... Plaintiffs.

vs.

RATILAL TRIKAMLAL, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, who last resided at Kalbadevi Road, without the Fort of Bombay, whose present whereabouts are not known ..... Defendant.

WHEREAS the abovenamed Plaintiffs have instituted a suit in this Court against you the abovenamed Defendant under rule 2 of Order XXXVII of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, for recovery of a sum of Rs. 7,150 due and payable by you to the Plaintiffs under a Promissory Note dated 17th April 1944 drawn and executed by you in favour of the Plaintiffs a copy whereof is annexed to the Plaint and marked Ex. "A" with interest thereon at the rate of 9 per cent per annum from 17th April 1944 till judgment, costs of the suit and interest on judgment at the rate of 6 per cent per annum till payment you are hereby summoned to cause an appearance to be entered for you, within ten days from the service hereof, in default whereof the Plaintiffs will be entitled at any time after the expiration of such ten days to obtain a decree for any sum not exceeding the sum of Rs. 7,150 and interest as aforesaid and costs, together with such interest, if any, as the Court may order.

If you cause an appearance to be entered for you, the Plaintiffs will thereafter serve upon you a Summons for Judgment at the hearing of which you will be entitled to ask the Court for leave to defend the Suit.

Leave to defend may be obtained if you satisfy the Court by affidavit or otherwise that there is a defence to the suit on the merits, or that it is reasonable that you should be allowed to defend the suit.

Bombay, this 19th day of August, 1946.

(Sd.) G. V. DALVI,
for Prothonotary & Senior Master.
Messrs. DABHOLKER & JESHTARAM,
Plaintiffs' Attorneys.
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PUBLIC NOTICES.

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Hydraulic Engineer's Department
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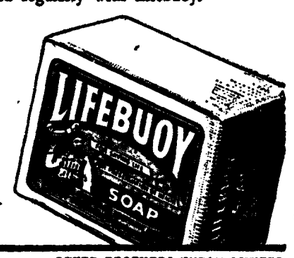

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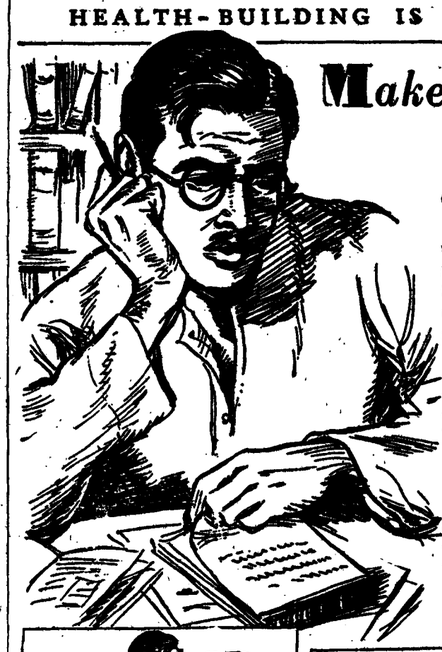

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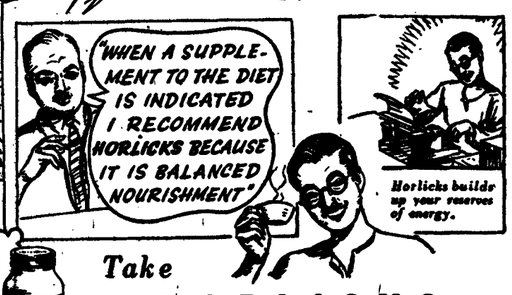

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